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PURPOSES OF LONDON CONFERENCE

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD INTERVIEWED

MEETING TO-MORROW

M. TARDIEU MAKES STATEMENT TO PRESSMEN.

London, Yesterday.

In an interview with Reuter, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, said that there were two main purposes in the London Conference — the all round co-operation of the countries concerned and the helping of Europe during the present crisis.

He emphasised the need for the heartiest co-operation in dealing with the tremendous problems which have now risen. He stated that the suspicious reports given in regard to the Anglo-French meeting were baseless, as the British Government was sincerely and disinterestedly working out a policy of co-operation with all countries in an endeavour to further the peace and the well-being of Europe.

EUROPEAN PROBLEMS.

All-round co-operation and helping Europe were the two main purposes of the London Conference, stated Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to Reuter in Downing Street last evening.

The meeting to-morrow will be devoted to a general survey of the European situation, beginning with the Danubian question.

Agreements can only be made at the Four-Power Conference, starting on Wednesday, which will not be limited to the Danubian situation, and into which all participants would enter with free hands.

The Premier emphasised the need for the heartiest co-operation of all European countries in order to face the tremendous problems, especially those affecting Europe and at present the world.

The suspicious reports given to the Anglo-French meeting are baseless as the British Government is sincerely and disinterestedly working out a policy of co-operation with everybody in an endeavour aiming at the peace and well-being of Europe. The sole purpose of the promoters of the conference was an agreement consistent with the interest and well-being of each nation concerned.

French Delegation Leaves.

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Tardieu and M. Flandin, with a delegation of experts, left for London to-day for the Danubian conversations.

French Ministers Arrive.

London, Yesterday.

M. Tardieu and M. Flandin arrived at Victoria at 4.18 p.m. this afternoon and were very cordially greeted by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon.

M. Tardieu left for the Embassy and will formally call on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at Downing Street at 6 this evening.

A banquet is being held at the Embassy at which Mr. MacDonald and Sir John Simon will be present.

M. Tardieu's Statement.

London, Later.

After his meeting with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, which lasted for seventy-five minutes, in Downing Street, M. Tardieu, in a statement to Pressmen, said that it was great joy to him to resume collaboration with his eminent friend, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

The issues that they had to consider constituted the European problems. The duty of the Governments concerned was to deal with every one of these problems from a view-point of solidarity. Britain and France were bound not only by precious friendship, but by common responsibility, moral as well as political, arising from the means at their disposal and identic aspirations for an era of peace and fair play.

This would be the spirit in which their meeting would be decided, and he was sure that it would also be the spirit of the Four-Power Conference on Wednesday.

Britain and France, having in view the same object, namely, ensuring normal conditions of life in all nations, were bound to bring to a successful conclusion that was in their mind. Both countries in the past had accomplished more difficult tasks.

M. Tardieu is leaving for Paris to-morrow evening and M. Flandin is replacing him.

Italy's Representative.

Rome, Yesterday.

It is officially announced that Signor Grandi will attend the Four-Power Conference in London.—Reuter.

THE RUSSIAN REGT. IN SHANGHAI.

Old Imperial Army Lives Again.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, To-day.

Thousands of Shanghailanders witnessed a unique ceremony on the Race Course when Colours were presented to the Russian Regiment of the Shanghai Volunteers, to the accompaniment of solemn religious rites, including the traditional springling of Holy Water by a Russian priest, after which the Colours were Trooped through the ranks with the assistance of the Band of the Lancashire Regiment.

It was a most impressive ceremony and the Regiment drilled with perfect precision, in as much as the majority had seen active service under the Russian Empire.

Memories of other days were recalled as the ceremony progressed, and the undying traditions of the old Imperial Army lived once again.

A feature of the parade was that the soldiers' caps rested in traditional fashion on their bayonets and a flavour of Old Russia characterised the entire proceedings.

Rev. Father Nicholas Borodin, of the Greek Orthodox Church, officiated at the service which was conducted in the Russian language, the words of command being also in Russian.

A light rainfall during the ceremony was regarded as a propitious sign.

The Russian Regiment originated six years ago when the Municipal Council decided to form a Company of Russians as an integral part of the Volunteers, consisting of paid men, many with former Military experience.

Subsequently the Unit was numerically increased and divided into two Companies, which were again increased by another Russian Company consisting of Volunteers only, along the lines of the other National Units, making three Companies, until a month ago when another Company was added and designated the Reserve or Militia Company, and supplementing the Russian Detachment, a new title for the former Russian Unit.

Following the recent hostilities, the Council decided to form all the four Companies into a single Regiment.

The ceremony is unique in the annals of the Settlement, and afterward the Volunteer Commandant, with the Adjutant and some others lunched with the Officers of the new Regiment in traditional Russian style.

MR. WANG CHING-WEI'S SUDDEN TRIP.

Ill-Health Responsible for Shanghai Visit.

FROM NANKING BY AIR.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Ill health is ascribed as the reason for the sudden trip to Shanghai of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who flew here yesterday from Nanking, and who since has been very busy having discussions with high Chinese officials including Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the chief Chinese delegate to the Armistice Conference. He also conferred with Mayor Wu Teh-chen and Mr. Sun Fo.

A report that his visit was made for the special purpose of persuading Mr. Sun Fo to go to Loyang to attend the National Emergency Conference was denied, but it is believed that this is probably one of the main reasons for Wang Ching-wei's journey.

OCTOPUS SEIZES CURIOUS YOUTH.

Thrilling Scene Before Large Holiday Crowds

TENTACLES SEVERED BY DARING YOUNG FISHERMAN

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Nice, Yesterday.

A desperate struggle to save a five-year-old boy from the death-grip of a giant octopus was witnessed by hundreds of holiday-makers at Le Lavandou, a popular seaside resort near Toulon.

The monster was the largest seen off that coast for years and was caught by local fishermen.

It was being exhibited in a tank surrounded by a large crowd when the boy put his hand in the water and the octopus seized it, and started to drag the boy under the water. Women shrieked and the child's mother fainted.

The fishermen struggled desperately to make the monster loose its hold, and finally a young fisherman managed to sever with a knife the tentacles gripping the boy.

The youth was unharmed, but senseless from fright.

LOCAL FOG.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory to-day, states:—

Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the East of the Bonins, and relatively low over Indo-China. Gradients are everywhere slight.

Forecast:—Light Southerly or variable winds; local fog.

Rainfall.

ending 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Total since January 1, 4.78 inches, against an average of 3.69 inches.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	67
Macao	68
Pratas Island ...	65
Manila	70
Foochow	65
Amoy	67
Swatow	67
Chefoo	41
Shanghai	56

ARAB—JEWISH TENSION.

The Passover Season in Jerusalem.

TWO GHASTLY CRIMES.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

The possibility of a revival of the Arab-Jewish tension on the eve of the Passover season, which always proves an anxious time, is suggested by the perpetration of two ghastly crimes, the victims being a Jew and an Arab.

Israel Wolf, a Jewish tourist from Los Angeles, was found on the outskirts of a Jewish suburb in Jerusalem on Friday with his throat cut. It is supposed to be suicide.

This morning a Moslem taxi-driver was found dead under identical circumstances. He was still gripping the wheel of the taxi near to the same spot. He had evidently been murdered.

MR. STIMSON'S LONDON MISSION.

May Discuss War Debts and Reparations.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

New York, Yesterday.

Despite reports from Washington that Mr. Stimson's impending visit to Europe is solely connected with the work of the Disarmament Conference, diplomatic and political circles in Washington, according to the Washington correspondent of the New York Times, state the opinion that Mr. Stimson is also going to discuss the question of reparations and war debts.

It is understood, says the correspondent, that Mr. Stimson hopes that while in Geneva he will have the opportunity of strongly presenting his views on the Far Eastern problem.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun anticipates that Mr. Stimson's trip will inaugurate important changes in the armaments programme in the direction of cutting down tanks, big guns and submarines.—Reuter's American Service.

BERLIN SUSPICIOUS OF M. TARDIEU.

Might Be Prejudiced Against Germany.

LONDON ASSURANCES.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The city is suspicious regarding M. Tardieu's visit to London, considering that he may have attempted to persuade Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to make promises which would prove most prejudicial towards Germany. These suspicions are, however, allayed by assurances from London.

It is understood that the British Government is determined not to pledge itself in any way to France's attitude on the Danubian and Reparations' questions.

The London correspondents in Berlin papers emphasise that no decisive results are to be expected from the London meeting, and that the British Government will not yieldingly oppose any attempt to intrigue against the participation of Germany and Italy in the Danubian Conference.—Reuter.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended March 19, 1932, amounted to 106,058 metric tons, and the sales during the period to 85,091 metric tons.

HITLER LEAVES MUNICH

GREATEST PROPAGANDA TOUR EVER

AMAZING SCENES AT DRESDEN

NAZI STORM TROOPS WELCOME THEIR LEADER.

Chamnitz, Yesterday.

What is claimed to be the "greatest propaganda tour ever" has now begun. Hitler this morning left Munich for Dresden in an air-liner, accompanied by his lieutenants, and Reuter's correspondent.

This is the start of an aeroplane and Motor car tour of Germany. At every big city Hitler will speak to over a million people.

Hitler's departure was cheered by hundreds of Nazis and in a statement to Reuter en voyage he expressed complete confidence as to the result of the Election on April 10.

He was welcomed at Dresden by Nazi "storm troops" and then rushed to an open air meeting at which in a most vehement speech he addressed 80,000 of his most enthusiastic supporters.

After this, amid back-slapping by men and kisses from women, Hitler drove off to the aerodrome and flew to Leipzig where similar scenes were enacted. — Reuter.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS.

Confirmatory Meeting Held To-day.

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., was held in the Exchange Building at noon to-day for the purpose of confirming as a Special Resolution an extraordinary resolution which was passed on March 18, following the annual meeting.

The resolution relates to the alteration of the Articles of Association to permit of the appointment of Alternate Directors to act during the absence from the Colony, or illness of any Director of the Company.

Mr. J. H. Taggart presided, and supporting him were Messrs. E. M. Raymond, J. Scott Harston, W. H. Bell, (Directors), P. H. Suckling (General Manager) and F. C. Barry (Secretary).

The Chairman proposed the confirmation of the resolution which was seconded by Mr. J. P. Sherry and carried unanimously.

Shareholders present were Messrs. Wing Hay-choy, J. P. Sherry C. E. White, F. E. Parson, A. Brearley, A. W. Smith, and H. O. Wasser.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred at the Kowloon Hospital, this morning, at the early age of 18 years, of Gustavo Gregorio da Silva, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. da Silva. The young man started work only recently as a broker.

The sympathy of many friends will be extended to the bereaved parents and other relatives.

The funeral takes place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery this evening, passing the Monument at 5.30.

CONVICT STILL AT LARGE.

Breaks Jail at Laichikok.

FIRED UPON BY WATCHMAN.

Wong Sik-choi (24), who was serving a term of one year's hard labour for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance, escaped from Laichikok Prison at nine o'clock last night.

The prisoner entered the jail about four weeks' ago.

In spite of a vigilant search, which is still proceeding, Wong has not yet been located.

It is learned that an Indian watchman, who was on patrol outside the Prison, saw a man jump from the wall. He fired a shot which missed, and the convict made good his get away in the dark.

According to the Police, the escaped man was wearing prison clothing with yellow trousers.

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THE NEW DOMINION STATUS

J. H. MORGAN ON GREAT BRITAIN'S POSITION.

Divergent Views.

Mr. J. H. Morgan, Professor of Constitutional Law in the University of London, delivered at University College, the first of three Rhodes Lectures on "The New Dominion Status." Mr. J. W. Downie, the High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia, presided.

Mr. Morgan pointed out that unity in the War was achieved without the slightest surrender of the legislative autonomy of the Dominions. Decisions of the Imperial War Cabinet that necessitated legislation were implemented by statute or Order in Council by the Dominion concerned.

That transient constitutional experiment had its lesson for all who were concerned with the success of the forthcoming Imperial Conference at Ottawa. If anything approaching fiscal unity within the Empire was to be achieved it could only be achieved by the same course of action, constitutionally speaking, as was followed during the War.

Delegation of Powers.

The necessities of the "war" of tariffs to-day might make swift, collective action by all the communities of the Empire almost equally imperative. Fiscal reciprocity within the Empire might involve the delegation of powers of united executive action to all the Governments of the Empire by their respective Legislatures.

What was "Dominion Status?" In spite of the Statute of Westminster they might search in vain in its text for any legal definition; and if they attempted to deduce from certain sections of the Statute the generalization that the Imperial Parliament could no longer legislate for any of the Dominions they would be quite wrong. Australia, New Zealand, and Newfoundland had "contracted out" of it and Canada, while accepting the application of the Statute, had obtained the insertion of a section expressly exempting the Dominion from the power to repeal or amend a certain Imperial Statute known, colloquially, as the Canadian Constitution.

Divergence of Opinion.

To only the Irish Free State and the Union of South Africa did the Act apply in its entirety, and if they read the debates in Dublin and Pretoria they would find an extraordinary diversity of opinion as to the repercussions of the Statute.

After examining some of the legal problems that had arisen by what he called the "attempt to put the constitutional law of the Empire into the strait-jacket of a Statute," Mr. Morgan said he came to the paradox that the Imperial Parliament—or the Parliament at Westminster, as it was apologetically called in the Report of the Imperial Conference—could never derogate from its own supremacy.

It was an axiom of our constitutional law that what one session of that Parliament could do another session of the same or a subsequent Parliament could undo. Some future Parliament of the United Kingdom could, if it were so minded, repeal the Statute of Westminster.

The Resolutions.

The change in the status of the Dominions was not to be found in that Statute but in the resolutions of the Imperial Conferences of 1926 and 1930:—

"The Governor-General of a Dominion shall be in all essential respects in the same position in relation to the administration of public affairs in the Dominion as is held by his Majesty the King in Great Britain, and he is not to be the representative or agent of H. M. Government in Great Britain or of any Department of that Government.

"The channal of communication between his Majesty and the Government of any Dominion is a matter solely concerning his Majesty and such Government."

Mr. Morgan asked his audience to note the following postcript:—

"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have expressed their willingness to continue to act in relation to any of his Majesty's Governments (that is to say, to Dominion Governments) in any manner which that Government may desire."

Mr. Morgan said if that postcript meant anything at all, it meant that, having driven the British Government out by the door the Conference had readmitted it by the window. The truth of the matter was that they could not reduce the British Government to Dominion status. So long as conduct of foreign affairs remained in the hands of the British Government, so long would that Government remain an Imperial Government and nothing less.

ENGINEERING CONTRACTS.

Messrs. The English Electric Company, Limited, Stafford, have been awarded a number of contracts for omnibus bodies, and also for trolley omnibuses. The Corporations of Preston, Hull, Wallasey, Bournemouth, and Northampton have ordered double-deck omnibus bodies, and the Preston and Hull Corporations single-deck bodies in addition. The Southend Corporation has ordered two double-deck and the Notts and Derby Traction Company ten single-deck trolley omnibuses on A.E.C. two-axle chassis. In the case of each order, the bodies and electrical equipment will be manufactured by the English Electric Company.

Messrs. "R. N." Diesel Engine Company, 24, Harrison Street, London, W.C.1, have recently received orders for their "R. N." cold-starting high-speed Diesel engines from Canada, New Guinea, South Africa, and Burma.

Messrs. Aeroto, Limited, Bush House, London, W.C.2, have booked a number of orders for their patent screw-type fan in the last few weeks. These include orders from Messrs. Serck Radiators, Limited, Birmingham, for fans for use in cooling transformer oil; from Messrs. Roan Antelope Copper Mines, Limited, for several fans for their mines in Southern Rhodesia; and from Messrs. J. and E. Hall, Limited, Dartford, for Aertoto-type fans for the Leicester Co-operative Dairies. Aeroto fans are also to be used in connection with the ventilation of the Bank of England, of the Hollywood Masonic Hall, Belfast, and of the Masonic Peace Memorial Building, Great Queen Street, London W.C.2. —Engineering.

FOSTERING OF INDUSTRY

B.I.F. REFLECTS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS DIFFICULTIES.

Other Empire Activities.

In the conducting of a newspaper it is not possible to control the supply of matter with which it is desirable to deal, and all too frequently many events occur in a single week which it would be a considerable convenience to be able to spread over a longer period.

In the present issue, for instance, it is necessary to give some account of the annual dinners of no less than five bodies of one kind and another. In the present state of industry, much was said at all these functions bearing on the economic situation, but three of them in particular concerned events, or led to expressions of opinion bearing on the question of the fostering of industry.

Government B.I.F. Dinner.

Of these three functions, the first place, in view of the presence of H.R.H. The Duke of York, must certainly be taken by the Government Dinner at the Mansion House, held on February 22 in connection with the opening of the British Industries Fair.

Of the portion of the Fair which more directly concerns our readers, we are glad to quote His Royal Highness' phrase that the British Industries Fair is "a reflection of our own British attitude towards the present difficulties."

Increased Size of Fair.

The increase in the size of the Fair, even in the stringent times through which we are passing, is evidence of the determination of our traders and manufacturers to face the future with hope and enterprise.

The advance of the engineering side of industry, in particular, is, however, not only a matter of the creation of good selling organisations, much is required on the design and manufacturing sides, and it is with less satisfaction that we refer to the point raised by Mr. Alan Chorlton, at the dinner of the Manchester Association of Engineers.

Necessity of Research.

We have frequently in the past dealt with the necessity for research and individual development if our engineering firms are to remain in the front line. Mechanical engineering, in particular, appears to be lagging in the prosecution of research, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Chorlton's ventilation of the subject may help towards a more enterprising attitude.

A third activity tending to the fostering of industry was dealt with by Mr. William Watson, at the dinner of the Association of Auctioneers, on the same evening.

Scottish Development Council.

Mr. Watson is Chairman of the New Industries, Home and Overseas Committee, and he explained the work being done by the Scottish Development Council in the compilation of an inventory of redundant factories and shipyards in Scotland, and the offering of them to home and overseas manufacturers at prices infinitesimal compared with their original cost.

This activity should do much to assist an area which has been particularly badly affected by the slump in trade. Mr. Watson further pointed out that by acting in unison with Canada at the forthcoming Imperial Conference, much could be done to convert assembly plants in Great Britain and Canada into establishments for complete manufacture.

Canada Led the World.

Canada led the world in securing new industries during 1931, Toronto alone having established fifty new industries in that period. It would be well to get into touch with, and consult, the Canadian Industrial Commissioners.—Engineering.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"SUNSHINE SUSIE."

It may be something of a coincidence, but the return of the Eros statue to Piccadilly Circus almost coincided with the height of the vogue of the "Sunshine Susie" premiere run. The little god with the arrow seems to personify the spirit of the "Happy Song," one of the most memorable musical numbers in a British film that has never been surpassed in popularity yet.

"Sunshine Susie" brings to the screen the most captivating of German musical comedy actresses—Miss Renate Muller, who sings and acts delightfully, and who has personality with a capital P. Filmgoers will be hearing much more of this fascinating blonde before very long. Jack Hulbert, also, has the finest role of his career in that of Herr Hasel, the bank commissionaire who conducts a beer-garden choir in his leisure, and whose songs and antics yield hilarity in fullest measure.

His "choir," by the way, one of the quaintest collection of types ever assembled in a film, introduces a distinctive note in a picture that has so many angles of interest that one is at a loss to decide one's personal preference. The Duke and Duchess of York are among many distinguished folk who have succumbed to "Susie's" many-sided charms.

"BEHIND OFFICE DOORS."

"The world," as Dr. Einstein puts it, sans relativity, "is now industrialized. We live in offices, not homes."

And at last the strange new life of America, of the whole civilized world of big cities, is realistically set forth in a film.

How we work in offices, live in offices, drink in offices, if not eat in them, and carry on our romances in them is shown in Radio Pictures' drama of society-up-to date, "Behind Office Doors," which comes on Thursday to the Queen's Theatre.

In the same way that outside life invades the modern business office, the office invades the home, with its stenographers visiting employer's apartments—with or without their shorthand books—business associates share the intimacy of homes with husbands. And of course the average golf game is a business session!

"SEED."

How large should the modern family be? How many children are included in the ideal home group?

These questions are suggested by Universal's problem drama, "Seed" which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day. For in the story, originally written as a novel by Charles G. Norris, a family of five children is in great measure responsible for the breaking up of a home, and the desertion of his family by the husband and father. An additional impetus to his defection is supplied by his former sweetheart, who lures him away from his family, and takes him to Paris to live with her.

"A family of children is greatly to be desired," says John Boles, who plays the leading male role in the picture, and who has two little daughters of his own. "In my opinion, a home is not complete without the presence of children—does not, in fact, constitute a real home. I am not prepared to say that five is the ideal number, but given the means of rearing them properly, five children would not in any sense prove too great a burden on parents with the normal love for their offspring."

Lois Wilson, who is the screen mother of this brood of lively youngsters, is unmarried, but has always been a great lover of children. "I learned to love them," says Miss Wilson, "in the days when I was a school teacher, and arrived at an opinion which I have never changed—that children should form an integral part of every home, and, speaking literally, the more the merrier. In "Seed" I am depicted as being devoted to my children, and I actually felt just as I seemed to feel."

"I am strongly of the opinion," says Genevieve Tobin, who plays the role of the sweetheart, "that the number of children in a family should be rigidly governed by that family's ability to rear the youngsters in comfort. To bring children into the world without the means to care for them properly is unfair to the children and their parents, as well. To my mind, this is the only reason for the unfortunate situation which arises in the picture."

ZaSu Pitts, who is seen as the nursemaid in the screen play, votes for two children as her ideal of the modern family. "A growing child should have constant companionship," says Miss Pitts, "as a very definite help in its normal progress. At the time of the death of Barbara LaMarr, screen star, I saw an opportunity to attain my desire for two children. I had one little girl of my own, and I adopted Miss LaMarr's young daughter, and thus put into actual operation a theory which has proven to be a complete success. Though there is three months' difference in the ages of the two girls, I avoid constant explanations by referring to them as "the twins," and have really come to consider them as such in my own mind."

In adddition to Boles, Miss Tobin, Miss Wilson and Miss Pitts, the cast of "Seed," includes Raymond Hackett, Bette Davis, Richard Tacker and Frances Dade. John M. Stahl directed.

"THE SANTA FE TRAIL."

How come the Indians use "how" as a word of greeting?

There are those who hold that they are merely trying to imitate the Yankee "Howdy."

However, a different version was part of the explanatory substance which became Richard Arlen's store of knowledge after he had worked with a hundred redskins in "The Santa Fe Trail," Paramount's sound and talking filmization of Hal G. Evarts' novel "Spanish Acres," coming next Thursday to the King's Theatre.

In the language of nearly every Indian Tribe, "hua," Arlen learned, means "good"; and many of the modern survivors of a bronzed race of aborigines believe that the greeting sprang from this word.

According to the Indians who worked in this picture, any of their people will respond pleasantly to the greeting "hau kola," the "kola" being grammatically kosher for "friend."

Thirty-five hundred sheep were assembled at the Paramount ranch, near Calabasseas for atmospheric roles in "The Santa Fe Trail,."

COMING SHORTLY TO THE KING'S

LESSON-SERMON.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong.

"Unreality" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 3.

The Golden Text was.—"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. . . . Through thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way." (Psalm 119; 89,104.)

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible.—"For though there be they that are called gods, whether in heaven or 'n earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many) But to us there is but one God, and Father, of whom are all things, and we in him." (1, Cor. 8; 5, 6.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy.—"As God Himself is good and is Spirit, goodness and spirituality must be immortal. Their opposites, evil and matter, are mortal error, and error has no creator. If goodness and spirituality are real, evil and materiality are unreal and cannot be the outcome of an infinite God, good." (p. 277.)

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—European Programme.
8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.5-810 p.m.—A Selection of Electrically Transcribed Radio Programmes kindly supplied by The Brunswick House and played on Western Electric Sound Equipment. Anson Week's Orchestra playing at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, and the Olympian's Quartet in Novelty Songs.
8.10-9.45 p.m.—A Programme of records kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.
8.10-8.35 p.m.—Variety.
Humorous Song—
Thank Your Father,
I'd Go Barefoot All Winter Long,
Helen Kane 22397.
Hawaiian Guitars—
Honolu March,
Kohala March,
Frank Ferera and John K. Paaluhi 20027.
Vocal Duet—
Keep Your Skirts Down Mary Ann,
If I Had a Girl Like You,
Aileen Stanley and Bill Murray 19795.
Organ Solo—
How Am I to Know,
Miss You ..... Jesse Crawford 22129.
8.35-9 p.m.
Rosenkavalier (Richard Strauss),
Augmented Tivoli Orchestra conducted by Richard Strauss 9280/9283.
9.8-9.38 p.m.—A Concert.
Violin Solo—
Zapateado (Sarasate),
Jascha Heifetz 6695.
Song—
Beautiful Isle of Somewhere (Pounds-Fearis),
Marion Talley (Soprano) 1248.
String Bass Solo—
Valse Miniature (Koussevitzky),
Serge Koussevitzy 1476.
Song—
Who is Sylvia (Shakespeare-Schubert),
None But a Lonely Heart (Tschaikowsky),
John McCormack (Tenor) 1306.
Piano Solo—
To A Wild Rose—To A water Lily Macdowell),
A Deserted Farm—Of Br'er Rabbit (Macdowell),
Myrtle C. Eaver 22161.
Song—
I Know A Lovely Garden Teschamacher-D'Hardelot),
Maria Jeritza (Soprano) 1301.
Trio—
O Sole Mio (Capua),
Neapolitan Trio 20248.
9.38-10 p.m.—Band Selections.
Forge in the Forest (Michaelis),
Trovatore (Verdi)—Anvil Chorus,
Arthur Pryor's Band 19879.
Illinois Loyalty (Guild),
Hail to the Orange and Oskee Wow Wow (Green Hill),
University of Illinois Military Band 19835.
10.-11.15 p.m.—(Approx:)
Relay of "Sunshine Susie" from the King's Theatre by courtesy of the Management.
11-11.15 p.m. (Approx:)—Rugby Mid-day Press News.
11.20 p.m.—Close Down.

FARM INSIDE A HARBOUR.

Wellington (N.Z.), Mar. 4.

A gift of 300,000 acres of good farming land has been made to Napier (New Zealand) by the earthquake which devastated the district a year ago.

This land was raised in the harbour, and a report of the Department of Agriculture reports that it is rich and should be laid down in clover and grasses.—Reuter.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day — King's Theatre; "Sunshine Susie."
To-day — Queen's Theatre; "The Secret Six."
To-day — Central Theatre; "Seed."
To-day — Majestic Theatre; "Doctors' Wives."
To-day — Star Theatre; "Men of the North."

Home Mails.

To-day from America (President Hoover).

Meetings.

April 6—Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., 2, Ice House Street (St. George's Bldg.), noon.
April 6—Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, Cathedral Hall Office, 5.30 p.m.
April 13—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Limited, extraordinary meeting, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, noon.

LEADING PILOTS.

Bert Hinkler Given British Palm.

OTHER SELECTIONS.

Paris.

Mr. Bert Hinkler, the Australian airman, has been selected as the outstanding British pilot during 1931 by the International League of Aviators.

Miss Amy Johnson, and Miss Peggy Salaman, were selected as the foremost British women pilots in 1931, but Mlle. Maryse Bastie, of France, was awarded the world's woman's championship for the year.

The selectors chose Gen. Balbo, the Italian Air Minister, as the foremost airman in the world in 1931. Air Commodore Kingsford Smith was declared to be the foremost Australian aviator.

Mr. Bert Hinkler's solo flight across the South Atlantic in a baby 'plane last Summer is universally regarded as one of the finest flights ever made. Gen. Balbo led the Italian formation flight across the South Atlantic. — British United Press.

INTERESTING ISSUE OF THE ROCK.

Readers and Writers of History.

Some interesting statistics are to be found in the editorial of the April issue of the Rock, Hong Kong's Catholic monthly, proving that in spite of the troublous times within our coasts, missionary effort is not at a standstill. Many other interesting features are dealt with in a chatty way in this valuable little publication, including an article under the heading of Readers and Writers of History, by Mr. G. P. de Martin, Director of Education.

The subject of crackers forms the theme of Fr. J. Moran's columns entitled Red Canton, while in the pictorial pages we find some interesting Congress pictures, in addition to others

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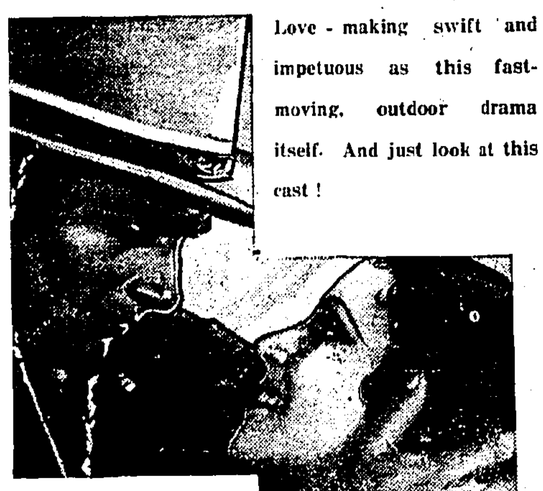

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AMATEUR STATUS.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The International Athletic Federation to-day disqualified the famous Finnish runner, Paavo Nurmi, from competing in international meetings as it was dissatisfied regarding the question of his amateur status.—Reuter.

RADIO WIN MAMAK SHIELD.

Convincing Victory Over C.B.A.

FULL DETAILS.

At King's Park yesterday morning the Radio Sports Club completed their fixtures in the Mamak Hockey Shield tournament when they defeated the Central British Association by three goals to nil, to win the trophy, so kindly presented by Mr. Mamak, the local sports dealer.

A large crowd witnessed yesterday's game, which, on the whole, was very good. The Radio showed superior combination and played very well, being no doubt, greatly encouraged by a snap goal in the early stages of the game. The C.B.A., on the other hand, though being safe in defence, showed too much individual play.

In the first half exchanges were very fast and even, both goals being raided simultaneously. A neat forward movement brought the Radio close in, and G. Singh netted with a fast shot. A ding-dong struggle ensued, and the C.B.A. pressed heavily for a while, during which Johnson scored, but the point was disallowed for off-side.

In the second half, exchanges were still being kept up at a rapid pace and from a free hit by Guest outside the circle, G. Singh again scored placing the Radio further in the lead.

Toward the termination, the Radio increased their lead, through hesitancy on the part of the C.B.A. defence to tackle Guest, who passed to K. Singh, for the latter to score with a ground shot.

Result:—

Radio	3
C.B.A.	0

Teams:—Radio—S. Singh; B. Singh, J. Singh; Hanib, L. Jack, M. Singh; A. E. P. Guest, H. Singh, G. Sing, K. Singh and F. A. Kemp.

C.B.A.—G. Duncan; C. L. Gregory, L. W. Tipple; N. B. Whitley, D Davies, S. MacNider; W. H. G. Hirst, T. S. D. Whitley, W. G. Johnson, C. C. Francis and J. P. White.

COMMENT.

For the Radio, B. Singh, J. Singh and Jack were outstanding in defence, whilst there was no individual player to catch the eye in a forward line which combined to a nicety.

In the C.B.A.'s defence, Davies and Tipple played well, whilst Hirst and Johnson were the leading lights in the forward line.

Tournament Table to Date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Radio	12	9	1	2	29	6	18
C.B.A.	9	6	3*	0	19	4	12
St. Andrew's	10	4	2	4	8	7	12
Incognitos	9	3	2	4	19	11	10
R.C. Sigs.	11	3	6	2	12	13	8
Police	8	2	4	2	4	10	6
R.A.S.C.	10	1	9	0	3	36	2

*Forfeit 2 points to R.A.S.C. for breach of Rules.

Radio Record.

The following are the full results of the matches played by the Radio S.C. in the tournament:—

v. Police	2—0
v. R. A. S. C.	7—0
v. Incognitos	1—1
v. R.C. Signals	2—0
v. R.C. Signals	1—0
v. St. Andrew's Club	1—1
v. Incognitos	5—1
v. St. Andrew's Club	1—0
v. C.B.A.	1—0
v. Police	1—2
v. R. A. S. C.	4—1
v. C.B.A.	3—0

A MODERN TENDENCY IN GOLF

Old Craftsmen Losing Skill and Work.

CLUBMAKING PROFESSION.

The following article by J. H. Taylor (open golf champion 1894, 1895, 1900, 1909 and 1913) throws interesting light on the situation that the modern golf professional has to face:

At the time when the steel shaft was about to be legalised, I stated that their use would tend to destroy the ancient art of golf club-making as a skilled craft. There can be no doubt that the prediction is being rapidly fulfilled. Evidence in support can be obtained in any club-maker's shop.

I am firmly convinced that this loss of skill will ultimately prove to be a serious blow to the game, for the simple reason that it will cease to attract to the professional side of it the intelligent class of young man who desires to embrace it as a means of livelihood. I have often pointed out that, in the old days, the making of a golf club was a skilled achievement. In support I need only mention that it was the usual trade custom to impose a five years' apprenticeship for all boys who wished to learn it thoroughly.

Latterly it has become customary to allow a young fellow into the shop to pick up, as best as he is able, a smattering of the trade to fit him for a post, but such a makeshift was never considered to be a finished product of the bench. Fully-qualified clubmakers share my opinion that a man cannot be a competent judge of the merit of a club if he is incapable of making it himself for the same reason, I assume that the maker of a cricket bat must be a better judge of the article than an incomparable wielder of it.

Assembler of Parts.

The maker of a golf club or cricket bat is in the unique position of knowing the quality of the wood as well as the amount of skill that has been put into it. This point of view is often overlooked, but that it remains a basic quantity no one will dispute. Equally, no one will contend that a mere assembler of parts can be considered a craftsman. Specialist he may be in his particular line, but not a craftsman.

A competent clubmaker is one who is able to make a club from beginning to end, and can tackle successfully all the delicate repair jobs that may be offered. To do this he must learn under the direction of a qualified instructor. Since the coming of the steel shaft evidence is accumulating that repairs are a thing of the past. Gone is the day when the player would delight to bring his club into the shop for some minor and delicate adjustment of weight and "feel" in which he considered himself an active participant. It gave a pleasing sense of ownership that tickled the fancy, and undoubtedly enhanced the value of the weapon as a playing medium.

This loss of craftsmanship was brought home to me in a very vivid manner recently. I know a professional attached to a seaside course who learnt his trade as clubmaker under the old conditions. His clubs, all hand-made, held a deservedly high reputation, and made a wide appeal to a critical clientele. He and three of four workmen were continuously employed in making and sending clubs to all parts of the country.

Took Years to Perfect.

Now he tells me this highly-skilled part of his work has disappeared, his workmen have been discharged, and his earning capacity alarmingly reduced. This aspect of his daily life is bad enough, but what he resents more is the consequent deterioration of the skill of his hands, which had taken years to perfect. This case can be multiplied many times in clubmakers' shops up and down the country, and in the aggregate must prove that skilled clubmakers will become extinct in a few years.

The ranks of the professional golfers have hitherto been recruited from boys who have passed through the shops of clubmakers. This source will be more and more dried up when it is seen that employment in them leads to a "dead end."

Clubmaking and playing the game of golf have been intertwined in a close and pleasant companionship almost since the game began, and it is sad for an old-timer like myself, and doubtless many others, to see these amicable relations on the point of being divorced. It will be a pity when the decree is made absolute, but there may be a respite for some years yet.

AUSTRALIAN BOARD OF CONTROL.

Bradman and Fairfax Made Tools.

CRICKET ATTACK.

Sydney, March 7.

"Cricketers in Australia have to play so much first-class cricket that their health is often wrecked when they are comparatively young men. Then, without work of any kind, they are liable to be thrown on the scrap heap of life," says Joe Darling, the famous Australian ex-captain.

"Archie Jackson, who looked to be a second Trumper, has contracted a very serious illness and, no doubt, money to give him a complete change and rest is urgently needed. I notice the Board of Control passed a vote of sympathy on his case. This is no use.

"Australian cricketers are jeopardising their future prospects. Before the last Australian team left for England they had to sign a most unnecesary and unfair agreement.

"Take the case of Alan Fairfax (who is now out of work). He signed the agreement because a pistol was held to his head by the board. To any fair-minded man this is no agreement, as an agreement must be by mutual consent and not by threat. Fairfax jeopardised his future prospects in life by playing so much cricket, and the Board of Control has been making a tool of him just as it is of Bradman and others."

Mr. Darling emphasised that a fund should be started at once by the board to enable cricketers whose sacrifices for the game bring them on to bad times to be set up in health and in business.—Reuter.

KING'S CUP AIR RACE.

Course for Two Days' Event.

1,250 MILES.

The course and dates of the King's Cup race have now been decided. The two sections of the race will start from and finish at Brooklands aerodrome on July 8 and 9.

The course on the first day will be 747 miles long; on the second day it will cover 503 miles, making a total for the race of 1,250 miles.

The first day's race will be in the nature of an eliminating heat, and only the 50 competitors who make the best handicap performance on that day will be eligible to take part in the second day's racing.

The course makes clear the desire of the Royal Aero Club to attract the public to Brooklands, particularly on the second day of the race. The only other places at which controls will be set throughout the whole race are Bristol and Leicester. At the other places observers will be set to see that competitors make proper turns round the course marks.

Organisation Simplified.

The decrease in the number of controls simplifies the organisation of the race, and lessens the danger of inefficient control, concerning which there were some complaints two years ago. The course chosen also avoids difficult country, and has the fewest number of high points.

Brooklands is, of course, well equipped for the handling of a big crowd, though it is more difficult of access to the public than Heston, the centre of last year's race. It is also not so open to the surrounding country, and competitors, flying at racing height of about 200ft. or 300 ft., will not be visible until they are nearly over the aerodrome.

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A sensational bomb explosion occurred in Battery Path on the morning of March 30. Choy Yuen, a coolie employed at St. John's Cathedral, was severely injured.

The explosion occurred among the shrubbery lining the side of the path running past the Cathedral, just behind the French Mission's Building.

Immediately following the crash, Choy was seen to fall over the wall into a drain on the elevated part of Murray Parade ground. A full story appears in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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It was certainly not the favourites' day at Happy Valley on March 26, when the opening programme of the Easter Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club was held under ideal conditions.

The long string of big dividends, paid by both winning and placed ponies, did much to promote optimistic atmosphere. A sensation was caused on the second day, when in one event, Daylight Eve (Mr. Palmer up) paid a record dividend of over $1,000 for a win, and $138 for a place.

The meeting is reported in detail in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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That there had been a substantial improvement in the net profit for the year was reported by Mr. C. A. da Roza, Chairman of Directors, at the 35th annual general meeting of shareholders of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.

The profit, $90,384.43, is an increase of approximately 80 per cent. over that of 1930. The meeting is given in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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Mr. E. W. Blackmore, in a speech at the annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers on March 24, outlined the work done by engineering science in Hong Kong during 1931.

"The past year," he said, "in spite of trade depression, has been a reasonably prosperous one for the Institution, many new members have been enrolled and the period has been financially successful.

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

SATURDAY'S SPORT IN BRIEF

Cricket.

LEAGUE I.

At Sookunpoo the Kowloon Cricket Club drew with the Indian Recreation Club.

I.R.C.: 197 (A. H. Madar 93, G. C. Burnett 4 for 63).

K.C.C.: 120 for 2 (E. F. Fincher 39 not out).

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

League I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Poss. Pts.
Indian R.C.	7	5	2	0	21	17
Craigengower	7	4	1	2	21	13
Kowloon C.C.	7	2	4	1	21	10
Hong Kong C.C.	7	1	3	3	21	6
University	5	2	2	1	15	8½
Royal Artillery	5	1	2	2	15	5
Civil Service C.C.	7	1	1	5	21	4½
Royal Navy	5	1	1	3	15	4

* The University and the Civil Service Cricket Club played a tied match, hence the half points.

LEAGUE II.

At the K.C.C. the Indian R.C. defeated the Kowloon C.C. by one wicket.

K.C.C.: 98 (F. M. el Arculli 3 for 17, A. M. Rumjahn 3 for 44).

I.R.C.: 99 for 9 (F. M. el Arculli 27, A. M. Rumjahn 25 not out).

League II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Poss. Pts.
Indian R.C.	10	8	1	1	30	25
Kowloon C.C.	10	6	3	1	30	21
Recreio	10	6	2	2	30	20
Craigengower	10	5	0	5	30	15
Borderers	9	4	2	3	27	14
Police R.C.	10	3	3	4	30	12
R.E. & Sigs.	10	3	3	4	30	12
University	9	2	2	5	27	8
Hong Kong C.C.	8	2	1	5	24	7
R.A.S.C.	8	2	1	5	24	7
Civil Service	10	0	4	6	30	4

FRIENDLIES.

On the H.K.C.C. ground the Hong Kong C.C. defeated the Royal Navy by six wickets.

R.N.: (Lt. Armitage 63, A. Reid 4 for 29).

H.K.C.C.: 239 (H. Owen Hughes 53, L. T. Ride 69, E. R. Duckitt 54).

On the C.C.C. ground the P.W.D. defeated the Sanitary Dept. by five wickets.

S.D.: 108 (G. R. Sayer 67).

P.W.D.: 226 (J. E. Richardson 57, R. S. W. Patterson 54, G. R. Sayer 4 for 34).

At Sookunpoo the R.A.S.C. defeated the R.A.M.C. by 53 runs.

R.A.S.C.: 160 (Powell 58, Joyce 37, Davis 5 for 54).

R.A.M.C.: 107 (Paterson 29, Beare 39, Gray 5 for 47, Powell 5 for 50).

R.H.K.Y.C. Regatta.

TRIANGULAR TOURNEY.

Rowing Results.

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Challenge Cup for Inter-Club Junior Pairs.

1. Canton (Pote Hunt, Cameron and H. W. Hewett.
2. R.H.K.Y.C. "A" (P. L. Leefe, H. F. White and F. C. B. Black).
3. R.H.K.Y.C. "B".

Won by a length; ½ a length.

The Stock Exchange Cup for Inter-Club Senior Fours.

1. Manila (S. Crawford, J. B. Rankin, N. Linley, J. G. H. Lander (Stroke) and J. F. C. Kingsley.
2. R.H.K.Y.C. (C. B. Easterbrook, R. J. D. Grieve, M. H. Arnold, H. W. Dulley and I. G. Allison.
3. Canton (J. H. Frolich, F. Lindenau, R. R. W. Ashby, B. R. Rasmussen and W. Seiffert.

Time: 5 mins. 39.1/5 secs.

Won by ¾ length; 4 lengths.

The Hynes Challenge Cup for Inter-Club Junior Fours.

1. Canton (Pote-Hunt, E. Sterling, F. Busse, W. G. Cameron (stroke) and H. W. Hewett.)
2. R.H.K.Y.C. (P. L. Leefe, F. Petersen, G. T. May, H F. White and F. C. B. Black.

Won by 5 lengths.

Time: 6 mins. 17 secs.

The Murdoch-Kennett Cup for Inter-Club Senior Pairs.

1. R.H.K.Y.C. (C. B. Easterbrook, H. W. Dulley (stroke) and A. Murdoch).
2. Manila (N. Linley, J. G. H. Lander and J. F. C. Kingsley).
3. Canton (H. J. Frolich, B. R. Rasmussen and W. Seiffert).

Won by 4 feet, 2 lengths.

Time: 4 mins. 58.2/5 secs.

The Novice Fours Challenge Cup.

1. Canton (H. W. Hewett, M. C. Gillett, B. H. Schroter, J. Penfield (stroke) and W. Seiffert).
2. R.H.K.Y.C. (1) (H. J. Gosby, A. C. Young, H. Siedler, H. N. Williamson and F. C. B. Black).

Won by many lengths.

Sculling Event: 1, Railton; 2 Parry; 3, Kingsley.

Football.

Services	1	Civilians	0
Services II.	7	Civilians II.	0

Hockey.

Y.M.C.A. "A"	0	Radio	0
C.B.A. Ladies	1	Cumberland	2

YACHTING

THREE INTERESTING SAILING EVENTS.

Under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, three interesting yacht races were sailed as follows:—

Cruisers Race.

Course:—Start from Murray Pier, Cust Rock Mark Boats, and finish at Club Line. Distance: 5 miles.

TIME.

Yacht	Finished	Corrected	Elapsed	Position
Norseman	2.32.01	2.27.55	0.32.01	1
U. & I.	2.34.25	2.32.32	0.34.25	3
Azuma	2.34.35	2.33.44	0.34.35	4
La Cigale	2.35.52	2.35.52	0.35.52	5
Curlew	2.36.08	2.30.43	0.36.08	2
Isis	2.41.38	2.36.05	0.44.28	6
Sea Lark	2.42.47	2.36.22	0.42.44	7
Chenook	2.45.51	2.38.13	0.48.11	8

"H" Class Race.

Course:—Start from Mark E. of Kowloon Dock (P); Cust Rock M.B. (P) to M.B. Club Line (P.). Distance: 5 miles. Twice Round.

TIMES

Yacht	Sailed by	Finished	Corrected	Position
Norena	(Mrs. Stanton)	3.34.06	3.34.06	6
Rolla	(Mrs. Sheldon)	3.34.52	3.31.57	5
Argulla II.	(Mrs. Pearce)	3.35.53	3.30.03	1
Colleen	(Miss Larssen)	3.36.17	3.30.27	2
Diana	(Mrs. Barry)	3.35.30	3.31.20	3
Siskin	(Miss Mackie)	3.34.42	3.31.37	4

"T", "Y" & "G" Class Race.

(same course.)

TIMES

Yacht	Sailed by	Finished	Corrected	Position
Daphne	(Miss M. Stokes)	3.53.35	3.53.35	2
Jessamine	(Miss Butterfield)	3.58.02	3.57.37	6
Why Wonder?	(Mrs. Fowkes)	3.54.31	3.54.06	3
Speedwell	(Mrs. Stewart)	3.52.50	3.52.25	1
Wendy	(Miss Patchet)	3.59.30	3.54.45	5
Eunice	(Mrs. Rose)	3.58.48	3.55.03	4

SUNDAY CRICKET

Volunteers Creditable Victory

PHOENIX CLUB WIN

CONSISTENT SCORING BY VOLUNTEERS.

Mitchell 78 Not Out.

On the Royal Navy ground at King's Park the Volunteers XI. defeated the United Services XI. by six wickets.

Scores:—

United Services.

Lieut. Fuller, R.N., c Mitchell, b Richardson	49
Lieut. Armitage, R.N., c Reid, b McLellan	10
Lt.-Commdr. Hughs, c Wood, b Simpson	16
Lt.-Commdr. Southern, c and b Reid	63
Sub-Lieut. Batten, c and b Beck	19
Capt. Burnett, R.N., c Reid, b b McLellan	1
Lt. Anstruther, R.E., b Reid	2
Surg-Lieut. Ommaney-Davis, c Richardson, b McLellan	2
Lt.-Commdr. Olivier, b Mitchell	10
Mid Kettle, R.N., l.b.w., b Mitchell	8
Capt. Mirehouse (Gloucesters) not out	1
Extras (B7, LB2 NB1)	10
Total	191

Fall of the wickets: 1 for 32, 2 for 55, 3 for 101, 4 for 143, 5 for 148, 6 for 157, 7 for 160, 8 for 179, 9 for 188, 10 for 189.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
*Beck	16	4	40	1
McLellan	14	0	55	3
Reid	11	0	40	2
Simpson	4	0	12	1
Smith	8	0	12	0
Richardson	4	0	15	1
Mitchell	2	0	8	2

*Bowled one no ball.

Volunteers.

J. E. Richardson, l.b.w., b Ommaney-Davis	4
N. A. E. Mackay, run out	59
F. S. W. Smith, b Ommaney-Davis	2
A. C. Beck, b Ommaney-Davis	53
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	78
W. D. Folley, l.b.w., b Anstruther	12
R. M. Wood, c Batten, c Burnett	5
D. McLellan, not out	1
Extras (B12, LB1, W1)	14
Total (for 8 wkts.)	228

A. Reid, J. E. Potter and R. A. J. Simpson did not bat.

Fall of the wickets:—1 for 18, 2 for 24, 3 for 112, 4 for 163, 5 for 195, 6 for 209.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ommaney-Davis	16	1	62	3
Mirehouse	11	0	39	0
*Anstruther	11	2	34	1
Hughs	4	0	18	0
Kettle	4	0	27	0
Burnett	4	0	34	1

*Bowled one wide ball.

LEE SAVES PHOENIX CLUB FROM COLLAPSE.

Close Match.

At Pokfulam yesterday the Phoenix Club defeated Professor L. T. Ride's XI. by 16 runs.

Scores:—

Phoenix Club XI.

D. J. N. Anderson, b Pereira	7
F. R. Zimmern, c Burnett, b Pereira	16
A. T. Lee, c Rumjahn, b Burnett	38
E. L. Gosano, run out	23
H. Nomanbhoy, c Pereira	4
P. M. N. da Silva, c Rumjahn, b Burnett	6
K. P. Gan, b Burnett	0
A. T. Nomanbhoy, b Pereira	3
A. A. Aziz, b Burnett	0
G. E. Yeoh, not out	13
P. L. Tan, c Burnett, b Pereira	0
Extras (B14, LB2, NB1)	17
Total	127

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pereira	12.4	7	34	5
Rumjahn	12	5	21	0
Burnett	10	5	28	4
Lee	5	2	17	0
Gittins	3	1	8	0
Baker	2	1	2	0

Dr. L. T. Ride's XI.

S. R. Kermani, c Gosano, b Lee	11
S. V. Gittins, run out	11
E. Zimmern, run out	8
R. Lee, b Anderson	0
L. T. Ride, b Lee	1
F. D. Pereira, c Gosano, b Anderson	13
J. L. Youngsaye, c Anderson, b H. Nomanbhoy	1
G. C. Burnett, c H. Nomanbhoy, b Anderson	15
A. Baker, c Gosano, b Anderson	21
A. A. Rumjahn, not out	6
R. G. Leong, b Anderson	0
Extras (B20, LB4)	24
Total	111

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gosano	6	1	16	0
Lee	13	4	26	2
Anderson	9	1	19	5
H. Nomanbhoy	4	0	15	1
Tan	3	0	11	0

QUEEN'S COLLEGE PRESENT WIN.

Low Scoring Game.

At Sookunpoo the Queen's College Present XI. defeated a Past XI. by 26 runs.

Scores:

Present.

F. J. de Rome, b Abbas	28
K. Nazarin, l.b.w., b Rumjahn	0
R. H. Griffiths, l.b.w., b Rumjahn	1
M. el Arculli, b A. H. Madar	7
C. E. Abbas, run out	11
A. Hunt, c Abbas, b S. A. Ismail	18
Tsui Yan-pui, b Abbas	0
S. Lee, b Abbas	2
G. Lee, c Bux, b S. A. Ismail	1
O. el Arculli, c Abbas, b A. R. H. Esmail	11
M. C. Hung, not out	1
Extras	5
Total	85

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rumjahn	9	2	23	2
A. H. Madar	7	3	10	1
Sufflad	4	1	8	0
Abbas	3	1	8	3
S. A. Ismail	2.4	0	16	2
A. R. H. Esmail	2	0	15	1

Past.

M. P. Madar, b M. el Arculli	2
S. A. Ismail, c de Rome, b Tsui	7
A. M. Rumjahn, b Tsui	2
S. Ismail, b M. el Arculli	0
A. R. H. Esmail, b M. el Arculli	0
M. I. Razack, b M. el Arculli	7
A. S. Sufflad, c C. Abbas, b Tsui	11
A. H. Madar, b M. el Arculli	6
A. R. Abbas, b Tsui	0
Y. el Arculli, not out	12
S. A. R. Bux, b Tsui	1
Extras	11
Total	59

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tsui Yan-pui	13.5	7	19	5
M. el Arculli	13	4	23	5
G. Lee	5	2	6	0

CHINA LIGHT TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

G. A. Noronha Captures Two Titles.

MRS. BLANDFORD'S DISPLAY.

The annual tennis championships of the China Light & Power Recreation Club were concluded on the Club's courts yesterday. Owing to the indisposition of one of the players, the mixed doubles match arranged between Mrs. Crofton and Mr. T. Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shaw, was unavoidably postponed.

At the conclusion, Mrs. W. J. Browne presented the trophies.

Full results were as follows:—

Men's Singles (C. Stafford Challenge Cup):—G. A. Noronha beat G. A. White 1-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

Men's Handicap:—G. A. Noronha (owe 30) beat A. B. Clemo (scr.) 6-0, 6-2.

Ladies' Singles:—Miss Griffiths beat Mrs. Crofton 6-0, 6-0.

Ladies' Handicap:—Miss Griffiths (owe 30) beat Mrs. Blandford (owe 30) 7-5, 11-9.

Men's Doubles:—I. M. Murray and G. A. Noronha beat A. J. V. Smith and A. B. Clemo 6-3, 6-4.

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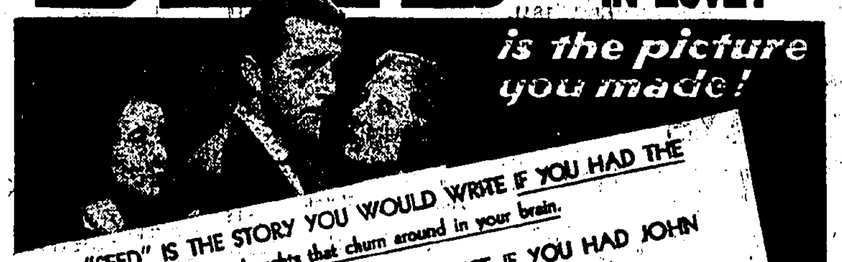

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TO-DAY'S TENNIS.

Open Singles.

(Semi-final).

S. A. Rumjahn v. M. W. Lo (Stand Court, 4.30 p.m.)

Club Championship.

F. A. Redmond v. D. Goldman.

Handicap Singles "A".

S. E. Green, v. H. C. F. Bowker.

D. J. Valentine v. H. Foley.

Handicap Singles "B".

G. Puncheon v. J. V. Jensen.

N. Lamphird v. V. R. Gordon.

Handicap Doubles.

J. and E. K. Price v. Humphreys and Blaker.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine v. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Martell Hall.

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Britain's Example.

Once again has Britain led the world, and it remains now for her feat in restoring her financial position to stability to be emulated by other nations for the economic crisis now facing the whole world to be considerably alleviated if not wholly overcome.

If only a part of the nations would do as Britain has done and "set their houses in order," this depression which has brought misery and despair to tens of millions would quickly be ended and a return to normal business conditions, leading later to a new era of prosperity, would ensue. To harassed bankers, economists and politicians the present difficulties seem insurmountable, but they are now presented with a solution for remedying the economic crisis. Many factors contribute to the present sad state of trade and commerce, but the reason for the long drawn-out depression can be summed-up simply in one phrase—lack of confidence. By balancing her budget against most difficult odds, Britain has restored a great measure of confidence among the people of her own nation, and has shown the way to the rest of the world.

Those more prosperous countries, the United States and France, are confronted with a relatively simple task compared to that which faced Britain in September of last year, and yet it appears that neither of these nations (holding between them two-thirds of the world's gold supply) will succeed in securing a balanced budget. Indeed, in America a surplus of over one billion dollars is freely predicted. The adoption of a sales-tax would have reduced the worries of the Secretary of the Treasury but a measure to that effect has been rejected by Washington. The position of the United States administration is all the more strange when the tremendous resources and wealth, both State and individual, are considered.

Reviewing the troubled finances of other nations, notably those of Germany and Japan, the outlook grows more gloomy, and the immediate prospects of "turning the corner" recede. It is with pleasure and relief, therefore, coupled with a personal patriotic satisfaction, that we survey Britain's remarkable and praiseworthy feat—an accomplishment which in the future will possess an historical significance in the affairs of the Empire.

The amount of the budget surplus, a matter of a mere £364,000, is of little consequence. What is of vital importance is that the object of the National Government has been achieved. The credits advanced from Paris and New York in those dark moments in the latter part of 1931 have been repaid; most of the instalments before they were due. The flight from the pound has been checked, and returning confidence has seen sterling record sensational advances during the past few weeks. And it is this fact that marks what is perhaps the greatest triumph in the British recovery. If the pound had continued to fall London would have lost its place as the money market of the world. England's international banking and trade is the foundation for her pre-eminent position and the nation's future would have been precarious had not the fears of foreign investors been allayed.

A brief review of the position in September is of interest. The then Chancellor, Mr. Philip Snowden, was warned of a budget deficit for this fiscal year of £74,000,000, and of a deficit of £170,000,000 for the year 1932-33. The value of the pound had decreased over 30 per cent.; trade returns revealed large unfavourable balances; foreigners were withdrawing investments and deposits, and immediate financial aid was necessary for the Bank of England. In seven months most of the dangers have been removed and Britain is in a position to lead the recovery from one of the severest economic depressions ever experienced. Naturally, sacrifices were entailed and the taxpayer has been the greatest sufferer. But everyone has shared in the burden and the wave of patriotism that has swept the country, starting with the burying of political beliefs to effect the election of a National Government pledged to see the nation through, has demonstrated the strength and unity of the country. Of course, it is pertinent to ask why the taxpayer should suffer for the follies of politicians, and the recent crisis may serve as a warning for the future. While much of the trouble was inevitable it was aggravated to no small extent by the ineptitude of the MacDonald Labour Government, and, to a lesser degree, the mistakes of the previous administration. The suspicion that Britain was skilfully outmanœuvred on the war debts question by astute French diplomats still exists, and it was left to Snowden to save the whole affair from developing into a farce by his firm stand at the Hague Conference. The Labour Government's reckless extravagances on the dole further worsened the financial situation. Anyone conversant with English affairs during the past two or three years is aware of the tense suspense that existed due to the atmosphere prevalent of waiting for the blow to fall. Events could not continue indefinitely and the business leaders, almost powerless owing to the fact that the Labour Party was in control, could do little but prepare for the crash. This came last year and it was only by superhuman efforts that disaster has been averted. It is unlikely that the British voter will forget the lesson for some time, and a period of sane and wise Government can now be expected. There is a limit to the resources and sacrifice of the taxpayer and that limit has been reached. Many of the emergency measures, including notably the income-tax, will have to be reduced. The citizen has done his share, and it is now for the politicians to ensure permanent stability. In the typically British manner there was no panic, but the urgency of the situation was felt by all, and precautions will be taken to prevent a recurrence, for some time at least.

That there are many disquieting features in budget, despite its satisfactory balance, admits of no question. Even the extreme pacifists will recognise that there are grounds for the apprehension that the Defence Estimates have been pruned excessively. Great Britain, through faithful observance of treaties, has consistently prejudiced her supremacy on the seas, while the land and air forces have been cut to a minimum. In these unsettled times such a policy is dangerous, particularly as many other nations show less inclination to reduce armaments. Idealism may be practised within limits, but history has clearly shown that the practical course is the safer one. Then too, the taxpayer is in need of relief, and it is gratifying to note that Mr. Neville Chamberlain has already indicated that such a course will be pursued in the near future.

It would be unwise indeed to imagine that Britain's difficulties are over now that the budget has been balanced. All serious thinkers are cognisant of the obstacles remaining, and this year will be an arduous one for the nation. But the people have been given hope. The first hurdle has been cleared and it is the first step that is usually the most difficult one.

News in Brief.

As the result of falling from the roof of 5, Tung Lee Street, Tam Kwan (15), sustained injuries which caused his removal to the hospital.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 48 hours ended yesterday shows four cases of small pox and five of cerebro-spinal fever, all on the mainland.

We have received from Charles' Morgan and Co., Ltd., London, W.C.I., a neat booklet containing samples of Aberdeen Mill deckle edged stationery.

Two large and nine small pigs were destroyed in a fire which broke out at a pig-sty at 66, Telegraph Bay village, yesterday. The pigs, stated to be valued at $900, are owned by Wong Yuet, a widow.

Mr. Kuchi Saito, a Japanese living on the top floor of 9, Ming Yuen Street, has reported to the Police that, during his absence yesterday afternoon, some person gained entrance to his room, by forcing open the verandah door, and stole jewellery and money to the total value of $1,346.

Personal Par.

Local lovers of art are taking a great interest in the exhibition of paintings by Mr. M. A. Kitchigan, which is being held at the Athena Gallery, Gloucester Buildings, daily until April 16. The paintings on view, which include the nude, landscapes and native studies, and also a number of pictures depicting Canton, are indeed excellent.

The exhibitor, Mr. Kitchigan, has been in Mongolia and China since 1922, and has devoted much of his time to the study of his art.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of April 4, 1922.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 9/16.

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During the morning the Japanese light cruisers "Kiso," "Ohi," "Kuma" and "Tama" arrived bringing with them Vice-Admiral Sapuro Momotake and Rear-Admiral Katshunoshin Yamahashi. The customary salutes and official calls were exchanged after the Japanese visitors had taken up their berths in the Naval anchorage opposite the Dockyards. They will remain there during the Prince's visit and will afterwards escort the "Renown" to Japan. Rear-Admiral Yamanashi is to make preliminary arrangements here for the Prince's Japanese tour.

GHOSTS THAT WALK IN LONDON

A MYSTERIOUS COUGH IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM: THE SENTRY AND THE BEAR: THE WOMAN WHO FALLS OFF BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE.

By Trevor Allen.

London's ghosts (if we are to believe all we are told) are like its people—a strange mixture, with a liberal sprinkling of the rare and unconventional. The orthodox type abounds, of course: ghosts in old-time costume that walk through walls and up and down stairs, ghosts that have hollow, mocking laughs, ghosts that grope at one's neck with bony fingers and try to strangle. Holland House, Kensington, has even been credited with the most spectacular type of all—the bloody ghost that carries its head under its arm and is of noble lineage, having once called itself the first Lord Holland.

But it is the unconventional spooks that make Mr. Elliott O'Donnell's "Ghosts of London" (Philip Allan, 10s. 6d.) such entertaining company for the witching hour when the fire is low, and the announcer with the golden voice has said "Good night, everybody, *Good night!*" Take your choice!

The Right Spirit.

A house in Jones Street, Mayfair, is said to be haunted by a spirit—Drink Commission please note—which tempts people to drink. People of the most abstemious habits who stay there for any length of time, says Mr. O'Donnell, invariably become obsessed with the mania. The house, in fact, has seen a whole series of drunken tenants.

The British Museum is haunted by a *cough* and Mr. O'Donnell has himself heard it. He had been looking at the mummy of Katebit, onetime priestess at the College of Amen (Amun) Ra at Thebes. Suddenly he heard a cough immediately behind him.

No one was there!

Then he heard another cough, and later, while descending the staircase, a third "almost in my ear." He has not cared to visit the Oriental Department since; a spectral cough can indeed be disconcerting even to one who finds almost as many ghosts in London as there are policemen and writes of them so graphically.

The Ghost-Maid.

At a house in the Buckingham Palace Road there is said to be a ghost which is apparently that of a repentant maidservant, for its particular task is to light fires, sweep carpets, dust the furniture, and put the kettle on.

The tenant, a Miss Stanhope, told Mr. O'Donnell that she often heard sounds in the kitchen as of someone moving the fire-irons and cleaning the range. One morning she crept down and saw the ghost-maid actually performing the humble task, and exclaimed: "Who are you—why are you here?" whereupon the girl turned round, and Miss Stanhope saw her face for the first time. It was ghastly white and the large dark eyes had such a mad glitter in them that Miss Stanhope sprang back in alarm. The girl then got up and, with a horrible grin, crept towards Miss Stanhope, who shrieked with terror. Fortunately at this juncture there was the sound of a key being inserted in the front door of the flat, and, upon Miss Stanhope's woman entering, the strange girl turned round and ran into the back kitchen, closing the door behind her. . . . Her woman marched to the back kitchen door, opened it, and looked inside. No one was there, and there was no way out, save through a skylight, twelve feet from the floor.

Perhaps this ghost-maid did not approve of her mistress. Ghosts certainly have their likes and dislikes; is there not an impression of a human foot in the stone of one of the cloisters of old Christ's Hospital, supposed to have been caused by the ghost of a beadle's wife stamping angrily when addressed by some living person in an unbeadle-like fashion? writes Trevor Allen in John O'London's Weekly.

We expect old houses to be haunted sometimes with the delicate music of a spinet. A friend of Mr. O'Donnell's was once looking over an empty house in Blackfriars when she heard the music, unmistakably, followed by sounds of a struggle, a piercing scream, a heavy thud, and "a noise like someone being choked to death."

Syncopated Music.

But modern Jazz! Well, there is a house at Ealing, of all suburbs in the world, in which a lady who spent most of her evenings at London night clubs recently died. The night after her funeral, sounds of syncopated music and dancing were heard proceeding from the room in which she breathed her last, and these sounds are rumoured to have been heard there, periodically, ever since.

There is no possibility, apparently, of the lady in question having failed to switch off the wireless dance band before she breathed her last; it is not even suggested that she had a receiving set. Just—enigma.

Zoological ghosts figure also in Mr. O'Donnell's remarkable narrative. A sentry pacing the yard in front of the Jewel House at the Tower once saw a creature creeping towards him in the moonlight with "a horrible glitter in its eyes." It was a bear, an enormous bear! Paralysed with fear, he struck at it furiously with his bayonet. The bayonet passed right through it and hit the wall. The bear, unharmed, came on. With a wild shriek of terror the sentry fell to the ground in a fit. That was over a century before the birth of the popular music-hall ditty with the refrain: "It's a bear, it's a bear, it's a bear!"

The Phantom Bird.

Another doughty fighter, a Captain this time, took a room in an apartment house, fell asleep, but was soon awakened by a noise like the flapping of wings, and a sensation of extreme coldness. He sat up and saw, just in front of him, "an immense black bird, with outstretched wings, and red eyes flashing as if with fire." It made vicious pecks at him, which he had great difficulty in parrying. Snatching up a pillow, he hit at it, but it always got out of his way, and he never once succeeded in touching it.

The Captain tried hard—but he didn't get the bird; not that time, anyway.

In a third case the ghostly visitant was a dog. A film artist named Dickson encountered it several times on the stairs of the Motley Club in Soho, and offered it biscuits and meat, in vain. Eventually he aimed a slight blow at it with his stick. "The stick passed right through the dog, which at once faded away into nothingness, leaving Dickson amazed and aghast. He narrated the story to me himself one night at the club, and introduced me to another film artist, who also testified to having seen the dog."

Mr. O'Donnell mentions some interesting open-air ghosts, including a phantom boat that is sometimes seen passing under Westminster Bridge, a headless woman in St. James's Park, a Man in Dress Clothes in the Green Park, Cromwell in Red Lion Square, a Devil Tree feared by tramps and down-and-outs in Hyde Park, and a tall woman in mourning who periodically falls off Blackfriars Bridge.

Seven Days in Succession.

This last was seen by a postman. Off came his coat, and he was about to jump in after her when a policeman stopped him:—

"Put on your coat again," he said, catching him by the arm. "It is no use your jumping in. What you saw was no living person—at was a ghost. If you had been on the bridge at this hour yesterday morning, you would have seen the same thing, and, in all probability, it will happen again to-morrow."

It did.

"Well," the same policeman, who was standing by observed, "didn't I tell you so? I've seen her do the same thing, at the same hour, for seven consecutive mornings. I'm told it won't happen again (it's what they call periodical haunting) for a good many years, and I'm truly thankful for that, as it's a bit trying to one's nerves."

The politeness of the London policeman is proverbial, and this one was no exception.

Perhaps the most terrible ordeal was that of a septuagenarian artist friend of Mr. O'Donnell's in a house in an old square in Highbury, for he saw not one grim ghost, but two. The first was an aged woman wearing an expression of "hopeless,

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CATCHING OCTOPUS AT VAITUPU

HUGE BROWN MASS WITH WAVING TENTACLES AND TWO EXTREMELY LARGE EYES.

(By R. Mackenzie Cliff.)

WE were lying at anchor at this Island, and, time hanging heavy on our hands, we thought we would fill in the time with a little fishing. So putting our lines into the boat, also a box with a glass bottom with which to examine the bed of the sea, and taking a little liquid refreshment with us—off we went. It being a very quiet day we pulled quite close to the reef and started to fish. The reef was a barrier reef and extended for about one-third of a mile from the shore. Portions of it were bare at low water and at this extreme edge there were only about six feet. Over the edge there was a sheer drop into about 10 to 12 fathoms, and as the reef overhung like a verandah there were many caves and crevices which sheltered fish and other things.

Well, we started to fish and had very little luck, and we were looking for the cause when one of the men, who had been looking over the side through the glass-bottomed box, said to me: "Captain, quick! Look! that big fellow down there."

Looking through the glass I could detect on the bottom a huge brown mass with waving tentacles and two extremely large eyes. It was moving slowly along towards our lines. "Take up lines quick," said the native. "That fellow he fright all other fish. He no good for fish now; better go back. All fish gone away."

After watching the octopus (for such it appeared to be) for a little while we went back to the ship, badly disgruntled because we had had no luck. At lunch time we discussed the octopus and we decided we would try to catch one. So, mustering up all the large shark hooks and taking plenty of lines and bait and a large cane knife, off we went, not forgetting the glass-ended box.

These boxes are used to examine the bottom, which I may say is clearly visible up to nearly 20 fathoms (120 feet). Pushing the watertight glass end under water about six inches you peer through the glass, and in these tropical coral seas the sight of the bottom is gorgeous; thousands of small gaily coloured fish and small snakes, sea anemones and other marine growths of a gorgeous hue, not fogetting the coral, which, when in its natural state, throws out many tints and hues. The whole effect is startling and interesting, and the sudden exodus of small fish and the appearance of a large shark of octopus only make it still more interesting. Huge sharks and rays, sunfish, octopii, snakes of all kinds are all a startling possibility, and to the lover of Nature prove a most interesting study.

Well, we arrived at the place where we had seen the octopus; so we baited our hooks with large pieces of pork and beef. Our boat was 18 feet long and we had four natives and three Europeans aboard —the supercargo, a passenger and myself. Over went the three lines and we waited for a little while.

Johnny, the bosun, was a Rotunmah boy, and he had three of the crew with him. They were dressed in sulu or lava-lava, only bare to the waist. Johnny was looking through the box, when suddenly he whispered to me: "Big fellow come up, plenty legs this chap." He pushed the box over to me, and I looked through it and could distinguish an enormous octopus making for the lines. In a moment he had assimilated the baits of the three lines and was going back slowly to his lair under the reef. The lines were being gently pulled through our hands, when, handing the box back to Johnny, I ordered him to put it aboard and have his cane knife ready.

"Get ready to strike," I said to my two friends, and on the word we struck together.

The result was remarkable. A sudden and heavy strain was put on the lines, and it was as suddenly relaxed. We commenced to haul in our lines, disgusted at losing our quarry, when suddenly Johnny yelled:

"Here he come. Look out. He big devil." At his words a huge mass broke water about 80 feet from the boat and at a terrific speed made for us. It was the octopus. Throwing its arms over the side of the boat it made one tentacle fast to one of the thwarts. Three or four tentacles were waving over the boat, feeling as it were for something to fasten on to. This huge mass of the brute was now alongside and its two large baleful eyes were searching. Suddenly one of the tentacles descended on to one of the Rotumah men and fastened around him. The brute was about 10 feet long in the body and about the same width. We were now fighting for our lives.

Grabbing the cane knife I cut away the tentacle that held the native, and then commenced to hack at the one that had hold of the thwart. This I succeeded in doing, when another tentacle took its place. We were now in a bad way and things were looking serious, for this brute could easily by his bulk have disposed of the lot of us.

It was Johnny, the bosun, who turned the tide of battle. My two friends and the natives were jabbing the octopus with oars and boathook, but, owing to the weight being all on one side, we were in danger of capsizing. Only some desperate remedy would avail, and to Johnny must be given the credit of dealing the decisive blow.

"Cut him leg, Captain, I cut him eye" yelled Johnny, and, taking his knife in his hand and his life at the same time, he leaned over the side, and jabbed the octopus two dreadful stabs, one in each eye, utterly destroying its sight. At the same time I severed the tentacle which had hold of the thwart, and, sorely wounded and blinded, the brute let go and sank in the sea, leaving a couple of its tentacles in the boat.

Breathless, covered with perspiration and blood and filth from the octopus, we sat down for a rest. The two tentacles were still in the boat and one was still fast by suction on to the native's back. He was suffering acutely, and so were we, for none of us had escaped the whip-like blows of the tentacles of the octopus.

We tried to pull the tentacle off the native's back, but it caused him so much pain we had to desist. Throwing our lines overboard, for they were still fast to the octopus, we pulled aboard the ship. The cook, a German, knew all about octopii, having been in the Islands for over 30 years. Putting the poker in the fire he commenced to cut the tentacle off in slices. It writhed as he did so like a living snake, but he persevered until he reached the top part of the suckers which were holding on. This let the air in and lessened the power of suction. Then he placed on the now thin strip of tentacle which adhered to the native's back the red hot poker, and the tentacle loosed its hold and dropped to the deck. The native's back was a sight: there were big red weals as if he had been severely thrashed, while we to a lesser degree were in the same plight, as where the tentacles had touched the skin weals had arisen and they were very painful.

A good wash with Cuticura soap and a liberal dressing of Cuticura ointment soon eased the pain, and it was not long before we had recovered our usual poise.

We measured the tentacles and they were from two to 12 inches in diameter, the under side being covered with suckers. The native crew soon made away with them, and on the morrow we set sail for Fiji, arriving there in good time.

The Rotumah man suffered a good deal from his weals, and even to-day he can show the results of that remarkable fight with an octopus at Vaitupu.

While we were discussing the experience in the Royal Hotel at Levuka a young British aristocrat showed a strong disbelief in the narrative—which rather annoyed me —so the Rotumah boy was sent for, and displayed his marks.

"Where did you get them?" asked the Englishman, and the reply was characteristic of the native.

"Got em from devil fish, big as house, Vaitupu. You want some, you go there."

The Englishman was satisfied and evinced a desire to go there and get some, as the native said. He soon got a pal and it was arranged they would go next trip, writes R. Mackenzie Cliff in the Nautical Magazine.

So in a few days we set off, and Wall Wilson (the genial harbour master at Levuka), advised us to take three or four small grapnels, instructing us how to bait them. Our own experience had taught us some things, however, and we took a good supply of cane knives and also a good canvas cover for the boat.

After a fair passage we arrived at Vaitupu. All arrangements were made, and this time we took the copra boat—28 feet long by about 8ft. 6ins. beam and very high wooded. The strong back and side pieces were put in, and about 16 feet amidships was securely covered over the strong back and lashed down to the rail. We used the grapnels instead of hooks, and lashed pieces of beef on to them. Good strong point line was used as lines, and off we went. We didn't forget the cane knives, an old whale lance being also on board.

Off we went, and soon had our lines out. We had to wait a little while, and the Englishman was grunting about the delay, then Johnny, who had the sight-box, said: "Here he come," passing the box over to the Englishman. We got ready.

"My God!" said the Englishman: "he's as big as the side of a house. Now he has got the bait."

"Put the box in and take your line," said I, and he pulled the box aboard.

The same thing happened. The three lines went gently through our hands and at the word we all struck together. The octopus has no mouth but takes his food in a large hole, absorbing it by throwing out the waste parts. Well, we struck, and there was a great strain on the line, proving that we had hooked our fish. Soon the strain relaxed, and, wise by previous experience, we gathered in the slack quickly. He soon broke water and made for the boat. As some of the lines were forward and some aft we managed to steer him amidships, to where the boat was sheltered by canvas. Each man was armed with a cane knife and Johnny had the whale lance.

Again the huge tentacles waved over the boat, looking or feeling for its prey, but this time it could not take hold so readily. As they appeared, so were they hacked and Johnny, armed with the lance, again sought for the brute's eyes. He was frustrated in his purpose by the lines, and now all hands attacked him with cane knives and we literally hacked him to pieces. We soon rendered him hors de combat, and, satisfied with our catch, we returned to the ship.

During the fight he had nearly capsized the boat. It had been a titanic struggle whilst it lasted, but now we had him beaten. We got him aboard, and he was a monster —14 feet long in the body and about 12 or 16 feet long exclusive of the body, and about 12 inches in diameter where they joined the body, tapering to two inches diameter at the ends. Even the Englishman was satisfied, though he was eager to catch more.

We stayed here four days and caught many octopii, but none of them gave us such a tussle as the first one, for we had gained wisdom and knowledge of how to deal with them and we had gained it the best way—by experience!

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

It was a selling market at the opening this morning, with rates in a number of cases being marked down.

New Listings.

International Assurances,
Metropolitan Lands,
United Theatre.

All the above have their Head Offices in Shanghai.

Sales.

Hong Kong Lands, $77.
Star Ferries, $92¾.
Hong Kong Electrics, $72.75.
Constructions (New), $1.90.

Buyers.

Hong Kong Banks, $1,475.
Benguets, $12¼.
Raubs, $36½.
Providents (Old), $4½.
Providents (New), $2.10.
Hong Kong Lands, $76¾.
Chinese Estates, $95.
Ewos Cottons, Tls. 14.60.
Hong Kong Trams, $21.10.
Hong Kong Electrics, $72½.
Watsons (Cum. Right), $15.60.
Watsons (Rights), $3½.
Amusements, $21.
Constructions (New), $1.85.
H.K. Govt. Loans, 3% Premium.

Sellers.

H.K. & K. Wharves, $142½.
Hotels (Cum. Rights), $13.30.
Cements (Comb.), $18.30.
H.K. Ropes, $17¼ Cum. Div.
S.C. Enterprises, $10.

BISHOP OF VICTORIA'S FAREWELL

YESTERDAY'S ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESE.

Representative Congregation.

The Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, who is shortly leaving for Home to take up the Canonry of Worcester Cathedral, presented his farewell sermon in St. John's Cathedral yesterday morning. The service was bilingual, Dean Swann conducting the ritual in English, followed by Archdeacon Mok, who spoke in Chinese.

THE ADDRESS.

Taking as his text I Corinthians 10: 13. "God is faithful," the Bishop in his farewell address said:

"I want to speak to you this morning about God's faithfulness, of Christ's life as a pledge of this, and of our lives as meant to be sacraments—evidences—to others of God's loving kindness—for the love of God becomes real to man and it is expressed through men.

For nearly twelve years I have been your bishop, and now the time has come for my farewell sermon. I want to thank you for many kindnesses by the way, and above all, to humbly thank God for having given me this great trust, and for all who have helped me in it. I am not going to pretend all the hopes that crowded into my heart in St. Paul's Cathedral on my consecration day in June, 1920, or as I preached here for the first time that November, have come to fulfilment; or that I have found it easy all the time—I never expected to do so. But one thing I do know: I have never once regretted coming out here to try and serve the Chinese Church and my fellow-countrymen in this diocese. My life has been greatly enriched by this experience—enriched by widened sympathies, many friendships and the wonderful privilege that has been mine in setting some of you apart for the sacred ministry, and in laying hands on the heads of more than two thousand four hundred of you in confirmation, and from lessons of courage, joy and devotion learnt from so many of you in all walks of life. For all this and much more I thank God, and I thank you, my friends, with many of whom I have been associated so closely all these years. I ask you to give your sympathetic support to whomsoever is called to be my successor in office, for I know how much this will mean to him; and it seems to me in this world each of us needs all possible encouragement.

Love and Faithfulness of God.

And now as I say goodbye there are two thoughts I want to leave with you. The first is of the love and faithfulness of God. He is blessing us all with a loving-kindness which never fails, and Jesus Christ is the sacrament and pledge to us of this—"the faithful witness" as he is called in the opening chapter of the book of the Revelation. From beginning to end our confidence lies in God in his faithfulness and loving-kindness and not in ourselves; the eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. Our hope must lie outside ourselves for unless our lives are upheld by God they have no sure support, and unless sustained by the love of God all human love is unavailing. The ground of our confidence as Christians, is that God loves us with the love we see in Jesus, who takes us as he finds us, and loves us even as we are. Christ's whole life was one long blessing to men, and he who lived to bless still lives to bless—Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day, yea and for ever.

God's Expression Through Man.

And that brings me to the second thought I want to leave with you: ourselves as sacraments of God's loving kindness. As our Lord Jesus Christ is the sacrament, the proof, the witness, to us of the love of God, so too our lives are meant to be sacraments to others of God's love—witnesses to his faithfulness: God wants to express Himself through us. Have you ever really thought about that, and can you have any higher ideal in your life than that—day by day to express something of the love and goodness and beauty of God? To an old prophet was revealed this truth long ago when he wrote. "Thou art my servant in whom I will become visible"—for that is the correct translation of Isaiah 49: 3. And this is the truth our Master stressed in his last moment with his disciples, "I am going away. I will dwell in you. I will give you my nature. I do not want to be seen except in you. You are my body—through which I want to express myself;" and at each Holy Communion service we are reminded of this when we pray that "We may evermore dwell in him and he in us." We are meant to show forth Christ to the world, to carry on his work; and Christ in us—indwelling us—is the one secret of Christlikeness, and the one way to carry on Christ's work. Does not your own experience tell you that it is plain fact that "God seems distant till a human voice brings him near, that his promises seem idle till we see a human face alight with them, and that a dedicated human being is the most sacramental thing in the universe?" Will you not then each one this day renew your trust in the goodness and faithfulness of God, and offer yourself to him that you may be to others what perhaps someone else has been to you—a living picture, a sacrament, of the loving kindness of God, bringing His peace, and joy and hope to other lives: that you may be his servant in whom he may become visible.

And so may our risen and ascended master bless you each one and fill you with his very spirit, making you channels of his blessing throughout the day of your earthly pilgrimage and evermore, and may I so bless this diocese and all who serve therein continually.

GHOSTS THAT WALK IN LONDON

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utter despair and ghastly, speechless horror, blended together and concentrated in the effort of listening." The door opened slowly, very slowly. The woman shrank back. . . .

The Door Banged!

The second was a hunchback with a dreadfully repulsive face: "misshapen nose, that looked as if it had been broken in a fight; loose, sensual lips; brutal, wolfish jaws; light eyes, illuminated with an expression of deadly, sinister determination . . . and stair by stair, with a snake-like crawling movement, he drew nearer to Mr. Stock." In one hairy hand, by the way, the monster carried a newly-sharpened table-knife.

The artist saw him open the door, confront the other ghost, who wore a morning gown of white cambric, his face shining with evil joy. Alas!—just as the hunchback entered the room and advanced with devilish slowness on his shrieking victim, a gust of wind blew the door with a loud bang; and upon Mr. Stock throwing it open...he found the room just as usual.

Yes, Mr. O'Donnell gives generous measure; he does not spoil the ghost-ship for a ha'porth of tar. What he knows about London ghosts, he knows—and takes care we shall know, too. If ever it falls to my lot to visit him I shall insist on leaving before midnight. He stalks his spectres manfully; scarcely one London street is immune. He writes with relish and gusto of the *macabre*. Whether you believe all he tells you or not is your affair.

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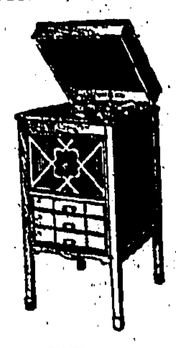

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 9th April, 1932, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.15 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 including tax, for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th April, 1932.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., COPENHAGEN.

The Motor Vessel,
"MALAYA"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 9th April, 1932, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 8th April, 1932, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned before the 12th April, 1932, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th April, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th April, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th April, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

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"For the Love of Mike" Entrances.

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Over 180,000 people have seen the musical play, "For the Love of Mike," since it opened at London's most modern theatre, the Saville. There have been "capacity" houses on three and sometimes four nights a week.

The Saville management state that the report that Mr. Arthur Riscoe might be leaving the show for another production was erroneous, and that there are to be no changes in the cast. Mr. Riscoe is "teamed" with Mr. Bobby Howes in "For the Love of Mike"—an irresistible combination of comedians.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED BY FOREMAN.

Himself and Three Others Killed.

DISMISSED MAN'S SPITE.

In revenge for being dismissed from his employment, a foreman at the Czecho-Slovakian State quarries at Aussig exploded 25 lb. of dynamite and killed himself and three other workmen.

Herr Bruno Werner, secretary of the Czecho-Slovakian Transport Workers' Union, and three other workmen were seriously wounded by the explosion, which smashed telephone poles in the neighbourhood and broke the windows of passing cars.

WATER RETURN.

All Reservoirs But One Below Level.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on March 1, 1932, were as under:—

City and Hill District.

	1931	1932
Tytam	24'11"B	15' 8"B
Tytam Byewash	28' 2"B	24'11"B
Tytam Intermediate	36' 3"B	37' 8"B
Tytam Tuk	32' 1"B	23' 8"B
Wong Nei Chung	24' 6"B	21' 7"B
Pokfulum	21' 0"B	19' 4"B
Aberdeen Upper	—	27' 5"B
Aberdeen Lower	—	—

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Tytam	205.31	265.04
Tytam Byewash	—	.73
Tytam Intermediate	49.47	46.10
Tytam Tuk	754.58	727.68
Wong Nei Chung	6.93	8.81
Pokfulum	22.50	25.66
Aberdeen Upper	—	66.20
Aberdeen Lower	—	—
Total	1,038.79	1,140.22

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	201.34	238.09*
Estimated population	456,620	332,250
Consumption per head per day	15.9	21.5

* Includes 1.56 million gallons from Mainland.

February, 1931.—From February 1 to 28 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts excepting 3 days (15th-17th) inclusive when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

February, 1932.—From February 1 to 29 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts excepting 3 days (4th-6th) inclusive when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

Kowloon.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	14' 0"B	14' 4"B
Kowloon Byewash	—	50' 4"B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	5' 7"B	11' 1"B
Shing Mun Reception	11' 8"B	L.

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	222.80	219.96
Kowloon Byewash	9.40	38.33
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	94.50	75.82
Shing Mun Reception	6.22	38.15
Total	332.72	356.76

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	117.54	131.47
Estimated population	179,140	296,500
Consumption per head per day	23.4	15.8

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall recorded by Royal Observatory from January 1 to February 28, 1931, .87; from January 1 to February 29, 1932, 2.535.

THE TRUTH ABOUT 'MASTER SPY.'

Boer Who Worked for Germany.

VAST OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE.

This is the real truth—told for the first time in a London drawing-room—of Fritz Joubert Duquesne, the strange flamboyant personality who claims to have been a master spy who was responsible for the death of Lord Kitchener.

A sensation has been caused in the United States—as reported by the New York correspondent of the Daily Express—by the recent publication of a book which purports to be the life story of Fritz Duquesne.

Colonel Norman Thwaites, who in 1917 was head of the British intelligence service in the United States, is the Englishman who knows all about that strange war-time figure Fritz Duquesne.

"Certainly Duquesne was a spy, and a good one from the German point of view," said Colonel Thwaites to a Daily Express representative.

"But whatever else he did, he certainly could not have had any hand in the loss of the Hampshire and the death of Lord Kitchener. My records show that in June 1916, when the Hampshire was sunk, Duquesne was in America.

"I had him arrested in New York in December 1917, and held for extradition and trial in England on suspicion of being concerned with a bomb explosion aboard a British ship in which three English sailors were killed.

String of Medals.

"When Duquesne came into my hands he was passing under the name of Captain Claude Staughton, of the Australian Light Horse. He was in British uniform with a string of medals up—the D.S.O., the M.C., the Croix de Guerre, the Boer war ribbons, and four wound stripes.

"When I cross-examined him, it was soon clear that he was an impostor. We had his rooms searched, and among an extraordinary mass of papers was a document in German, signed by the German Consul-General of a South American Republic, which stated:—

"It is a pleasure for me to recommend to my countrymen the bearer of this, Mr. Fritz Duquesne, captain of engineers in the Boer army, very warmly. The same gentleman has on many occasions given many notable services to our good German cause."

"We traced up his record after that. He had had a remarkable life. He was a Boer, and had fought against us in South Africa.

"During the world war, he acted as a German agent throughout South and North America. At different times he passed under the names of Fordham and Niacud (Ducain spelt backwards).

"We had evidence that he was implicated in the explosion aboard the British ship Tennyson. A tin box supposed to contain films was loaded aboard the Tennyson. Delayed action bombs were concealed in that box, and when the ship was at sea they exploded. Three sailors were killed, and the ship was terribly damaged, but managed to reach port.

"Suspicion was attached to Duquesne in regard to a similar explosion aboard another British ship.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/3
Bank, on demand	1/3
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/3⅛
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/4¼
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/4⅜
On Paris—	
On demand	605
Credits, 4 months' sight	660
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom.
On New York—	
On demand	23⅞
Credits, 60 days' sight	25⅜
On Bombay—	
Wire	83¼
On demand	83¼
On Calcutta—	
Wire	83¼
On demand	83¼
On Singapore—	
On demand	54⅛
On Manila—	
On demand	47¾
On Shanghai—	
On demand	T74
Dollar	3% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	71
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/4
Silver (per oz.)	17½
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nom.
Copper Cash	Nom.
Copper Cents	1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	2½% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29½% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations, April 4, 1932.

NEXT SETTLEMENT DAY; TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	1475	...	...	...	Dec.	Final £3 at 1/5=$41·74 making £6 for 1931	Feb. 12, 32
,, (Lon. Reg.) £	...	...	...	108½			
Chartered Bank £	...	...	...	12	Dec.	Fin. 7/- Sub. to I/Tax a/c 1931	Pending
Mercantile Bk., A&B. £	...	...	...	30	Dec.	Int 7% a/c 1931 less I/Tax	Sep. 8, 31
,, C. £	...	...	...	7½			
Bank of Asia $	...	...	...	115	Dec.	$3 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Amer. O. Fin. Corp. M$	...	...	...	19	Dec.	.....	...
Insurances.							
Canton Ins. $	...	...	...	1250	Dec.	Fin. $12 bon. $10 for 1929 Interim $13 a/c 1930 =$35	May 19, 3
Union Ins. $	...	...	...	170	Dec.	Final 10- for 1929 Interim 24/- a/c 1930 =$12	May 29, 31
China Underwriters $	...	...	...	1	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins. $	...	...	...	90	Dec.	Final $9 bonus $6 and $11 for 1929 Interim $3 a/c 1930 =$32	May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins. $	...	...	...	105	Dec.	$60 and bonus $5 making $65 for 1930	Mar. 30, 32
International Assce. Tls.	...	...	...	1	...	.....	...
Shipping.							
Douglases $	...	...	...	17	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930	...
H. K. Steamboats $	...	...	...	18	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
Indo-China (Pref.) $	...	...	...	15	Dec.	12/- ex. 2/-1 on preferred for 1924 and 1925	June 19, 29
,, (Def.) $	...	...	...	12		Last dividend for 1912	...
Shells Bearer £/	...	...	...	33/9	Dec.	Final 1/- Coupon No. 68 free I/Tax a/c 1930	July 6, 31
Union Waterboats $	...	...	...	19½	Dec.	30 cents for 1931	Mar. 30, 32
Mining.							
Benguets $	12½	...	...	...	Dec.	Fourth Int. 20 centavos/c 1931	Dec. 19, 31
Kailan Mining Ad. £/-	...	...	...	15/-	June	2½% free I/Tax Cpon 39 for year 33-6-31	Dec. — 31
Langkats (Single) Tls.	...	...	...	1	Oct.	T. 0.60 for year 31-10-29	May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration Tls.	...	...	...	2.10	Dec.	None	...
,, Loans Tls.	...	...	...	1	Dec.	Final T. 0.45 making T. 0.60 for 1930	Feb. 6, 31
Raubs $	16½	...	...	...	Mar.	3rd Int. 2/- a/c year 31-3-32	Mar. 15, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields $	...	...	...	2	...	.....	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves $	...	162½	...	...	Dec.	$8 for 1931	Mar. 10, 32
H. K. & W. Docks $	...	...	...	47	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
South Ch. Motors (A) $	...	...	...	10	...	.....	...
,, ("B") $	...	...	...	12	...	.....	...
China Providents (old) $	4½	...	...	...	Dec.	10 cts. on old 8 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 24, 32
,, (new) $	2.10	...	...	...			
Hongkews Tls.	...	...	...	230	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1931	Oct. 2, 31
N. Engineerings Tls.	...	...	...	3½	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931	Mar. 8, 32
Shanghai Docks Tls.	...	...	...	10½	Apr.	T 6 for year 30-4-31	July 29, 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.) $	...	18.30	...	...	Dec.	60 cts. (old) 30 cts. (new) for 1931	Mar. 18, 32
,, (Rights) $	...	...	...	3.50			
H.K. Lands $	76½	...	17	...	Dec.	Final $2 making $4 for 1931	Feb. 16, 32
Shanghai Lands Tls.	...	...	...	17	Dec.	Final T/- 0.30 bonus T/- 0.30 and T/- 0.75 for 1931	Pending
Humphreys $	...	...	...	18	Dec.	$1.50 on old $5 cents on new for 1931	Feb. 29, 32
H. K. Realties $	...	...	...	10.00	Dec.	Fin. 20 cts. mak. 60 cts. for 1931	Mar. 9, 32
Asia Realties "A" M$	...	...	...	160	Dec.	.....	...
,, "B" M$	...	...	...	30			
Chinese Estates $	95	...	...	...	Feb.	Interim $3 a/c year 29-9-32	Jan. 30, 32
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons Tls	11.60	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 1.50 for 1931	Pending
Shanghai Cotton Tls.	...	...	...	75	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3-25 for half year 31-10-31	Dec. — 31
Zoong Sings Tls.	...	...	...	11½	June	T. 0-80 for year 30-6-31	Oct. 8, 32
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways $	21.10	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 8 cts. making $1 for 1931	Feb. 17, 32
Peak Trams (old) $	...	...	...	15.80	Apr.	30 cts. on old for year 40 cts on new 30-4-31	June 15, 31
,, (new) $	...	...	...	3			
Star Ferries $	...	...	99½	...	Dec.	$5 for 1931	Feb. 11, 32
Yaumati Ferries $	...	...	...	37	Dec.	$1.50 for 1930	June 23, 31
China Light (old) $	...	...	...	21	Sept.	50 cts. for year 30-9-31	Dec. 31, 31
,, (new) $	...	...	...	20½			
H. K. Electrics $	73½	...	72½	...	Dec.	$2.50 for 1931	Mar. 23, 32
Macao ,, $	...	...	...	24½	Dec.	.....	...
Sandakan Lights $	...	...	...	12	June	None	...
H.K. Tels. fully paid $	...	...	...	41	Dec.	Final 5% making 10% for 1931	Mar. 9, 32
,, part paid $	...	...	...	24			
China Buses Tls.	...	...	...	16	Dec.	T. 0.90 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
S'pore Tractions (Ord.) £/-	...	...	...	3/-	Sept.	1/4½ on preference shares Subject to income tax	Feb. 6, 32
,, (Pref.) £/-	...	...	...	14/-			
Industrials.							
Malabon Sugars $	...	...	...	22	Dec.	Fr. 4.50 for 1930	Mar. 4, 32
Cald: Macg. Ord. Tls.	...	...	...	14	Dec.	T. 1 T. 0.80 for 1930	Mar. 21, 31
,, Pref. Tls.	...	...	...	101			
Canton Ice $	...	...	...	5½	July	21 cents for year 31-7-31	Oct. 9, 31
Cements (com.) $	...	18.30	...	...	Dec.	45 cents on old 15 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
,, (old) $	...	...	...	2.55			
,, (new) $	...	...	...	3.45			
H. K. Ropes $	...	17½	Cum Div.	...	Dec.	25 cts. bonus 15 cts. mk. $1 for 1931	Pending
China Agriculture $	...	...	...	10½	...	.....	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farm $	...	...	...	38½	Dec.	$1.75 for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Watsons $	15.60	...	...	...	Oct.	75 cents for year 31-10-30	May, 16, 31
,, (Rights) $	3½	...	...	...			
Der. A Wings $	...	...	1	...	...	.....	...
Lane Crawfords (old) $	...	...	...	6½	Feb.	Last dividend for year 28-2-29	...
,, (new) $	...	...	...	5½			
Mackinnons $	...	...	...	19	Feb.	$3 for year 28-2-31	Apr. 30, 32
Sinceres $	...	...	...	15½	...	.....	...
Wm. Powells $	...	...	...	3.65	Feb.	20 cents on year 28-2-31	June 17, 31
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusements $	31	...	...	...	Mar.	$2.50 for year 31-3-31	Sept. 30, 32
Ch. Entertainment $	...	...	...	14.90	...	60 cents for 1931	Mar. 28, 29
S. C. Enterprises $	10	...	...	...	...	.....	...
United Theatres Tls.	...	...	...	5	...	.....	...
Macao "Greyhounds" $	...	...	...	10	...	.....	...
Constructions (Old) $	...	...	...	6.15	Dec.	40 cents on old 15 cents on new for 1931	Apr. 5, 32
,, (New) $	1.85	...	1.90	...			
B. Ind., G.$ Bonds $	...	...	...	53%	...	.....	...
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MELBOURNE via Brisbane & Sydney	Brisbane Maru	Tues.,	5th Apr.
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KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun..	17th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung	Panama Maru	Fri.,	8th Apr.
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TAI MING	TUES. 5th	THURS. 7th	FRI. 8th	SAT. 9th
TAI HING	FRI. 8th	SUN. 10th	MON. 11th	TUES. 12th
TAI MING	SUN. 10th	TUES. 12th	WED. 13th	THURS. 14th
TAI HING	WED. 13th	FRI. 15th	SAT. 16th	SUN. 17th
TAI MING	FRI. 15th	SUN. 17th	MON. 18th	TUES. 19th
TAI HING	MON. 18th	WED. 20th	THURS. 21st	FRI. 22nd
TAI MING	WED. 20th	FRI. 22nd	SAT. 23rd	SUN. 24th
TAI HING	SAT. 23rd	MON. 25th	TUES. 26th	WED. 27th
TAI MING	MON. 25th	WED. 27th	THURS. 28th	FRI. 29th
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Shipping Intelligence.

ACCIDENT ON H.M.S. CORNWALL

TRAGIC DEATH OF BRITISH SEAMAN.

Heard in Shanghai.

The tragic death of a British seaman at Shanghai on March 1, while in the execution of his duties, was brought to light in H.M. Police Court, when Mr. C. H. Haines conducted an inquest on the body of George Wilks Kirby, leading seaman of H.M.S. Cornwall.

After hearing the evidence of a number of witnesses, Mr. Haines returned a verdict that deceased died on board the Cornwall on March 1, of shock, following severe multiple injuries, received in an accident, during the hoisting of a motor boat. Mr. Haines added the following rider to his finding: "I am quite satisfied that all necessary precautions were taken, and that there was no question of negligence on the part of deceased, or any other person."

Lowering A Motor Boat.

The first witness called was Commander Middleton. At 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, he said, it was necessary to lower one motor boat and hoist another one, at the same davits. One of the boats was lowered satisfactorily, and the hoisting of the other boat began about 4.10 p.m.

After saying that the boat was hoisted in the customary service manner, witness said it was necessary then to adjust the height of the after fall, to bring the boat square. During the operations, he continued, the after fall parted without warning, in two places. This allowed the stern of the boat to fall, and, at the same time, the shock caused the forward guy of the forward davit to part, resulting in the boat swinging in towards the ship's side, and hanging vertically from the foremost fall.

During the hoisting of the boat witness continued, the crew of the boat was stationed, as customary, between the falls. As the boat reached the davit head, it became necessary to get the ship clear, so that there should not be any fouling. This, witness explained, necessitated men putting their arms round the falls, to hold the ship. Deceased was standing at the foremost fall.

Commander Middleton then went on to describe how the parting of the after fall, combined with the parting of the fore guy, threw deceased between the fall, with its block, and the bow of the boat, with the result that deceased was crushed by the block against the top strake.

Witness emphasized that everything was done to extricate Seaman Kirby, which was accomplished in about five minutes. Medical assistance, he said, was at hand, and deceased was removed from his uncomfortable perch, the moment he could be lifted clear out of it. Witness said he did not actually see the after fall part but inspected it later. Witness asserted that he had never before seen a rope break in two places simultaneously.

Petty Officer F. J. G. Gregson and Lieut. M. Humphreys, of Cornwall, were then called. They gave evidence briefly and were followed into the witness-box by Seaman C. H. Williams, who was in the same motor boat as deceased at the time of the accident. Witness said he was abaft the slings on the port side of the boat, facing and holding the life-line, while deceased was on the starboard side of the boat, abaft the ship, facing the life-line. They remained in that position until they got to the davit head, when Seaman Kirby moved one foot slightly and tried to reach the ratlings before the fall, to get hold of a slip. The next thing witness knew was that he found himself in the water.

Surgeon's Evidence.

The next witness was Seaman J. A. A. Clark, who was followed by Surgeon Commander J. S. Elliot, of Cornwall. Commander Elliot said he examined Seaman Kirby on the afternoon of March 1, and found that the right side of the seaman's chest was severely crushed, and a number of ribs were broken and the chest wall was pushed in. There was extensive bruising of the whole chest and back, witness said, adding that he also found a deep lacerated wound on the chin and numerous minor abrasions in other parts of the body. Death, in his opinion, was due to shock following severe multiple injuries, and must have taken place within a few minutes after the accident. He thought that the extent of the injuries alone was sufficient to prove fatal.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—South wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Devonshire—No. 6 buoy.
Herald—No. 7 buoy.
Hermes—In dock.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and Submarines—No. 2 buoy.
Orpheus—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Tarantula—South wall.
Whitehall—No. 13 buoy.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French river gunboat.
Chiang Ku—Chinese gunboat.
Helena—American river gunboat.
Mindanao—American river gunboat.
On Pak—Chinese gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Benrinnes from Leith, Middlesbro', Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila left Manila for this port yesterday, and is due to arrive here on April 7.

The m.v. Siamese Prince from New York sailed from Shanghai yesterday, and is expected here to-morrow afternoon.

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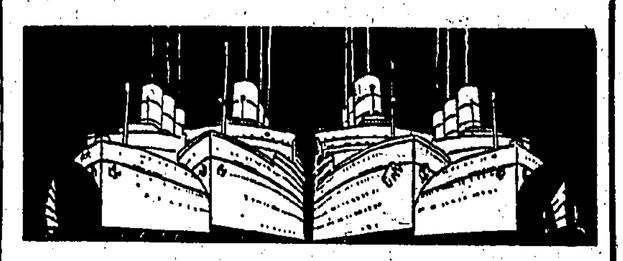

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Emp. of Japan	May 6	May 9		May 11	May 13	May 19	May 24
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 10
Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6		June 8	June 10	June 16	June 21
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25		July 4
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4		July 6	July 8	July 14	July 19
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23		Aug. 1
Emp. of Canada	July 29	Aug. 1		Aug. 3	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 16
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 26	Aug. 29		Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 8	Sept. 13
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17		Sept. 26
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 23	Sept. 26		Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 6	Oct. 11
Emp. of Russia	Oct. 7	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 13	Oct. 15		Oct. 24
Emp. of Japan	Oct. 21	Oct. 24		Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Nov. 3	Nov. 8
Emp. of Asia	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 12		Nov. 21
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CHITRAL	15,000	21st	May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th	June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*BANGALORE	6,500	11th	June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th	June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd	July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*BHUTAN	6,000	9th	July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th	July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th	July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*SOUDAN	6,800	6th	Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th	Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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		1932.		
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RANPURA	17,000	7th	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	8th	Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,000	22nd	Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,500	30th	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th	May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	5th	May	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA—	7,000	6th	May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
NALDERA	16,000	19th	May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BHUTAN	6,000	29th	May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd	June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	6th	June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
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ROYAL MAIL SCHEME

STOCKHOLDERS' TRUSTEES' VIEWS.

London, March 8.

The terms of the Royal Mail group scheme are the subject of criticism in two circulars issued yesterday.

One circular is issued by the trustees for the Six per cent. debenture stockholders of the African Steam Ship Company and the other by the trustees for the Five per cent. "A" debenture stockholders of Elder Dempster and Co.

Criticism of the Royal Mail group scheme, details of which appeared in The Financial Times yesterday, is quickly forthcoming in the form of circulars issued by trustees for debenture holders in two of the companies concerned.

One circular is issued by the London Maritime Investment Company, trustees for the £1,500,000 Six per cent. debenture stockholders of the African Steam Ship Company and the other by the Premier Investment Company and the London Maritime Investment Company trustees for the £1,000,000 Five per cent. "A" debenture stockholders of Elder Dempster and Co.

Lord St. Davids is chairman of the Premier Company and Sir F. Vernon Thomson is chairman of the London Maritime Company.

The circular to the debenture holders of the African Steam Ship Company refers to the Royal Mail group scheme and states that the plan was originally put before the trustees in draft form last October. As a result of representations then made, with which the voting trustees readily concurred, the Six per cent. stockholders security has been converted from a mere floating charge to a specific charge upon all the unencumbered assets of the company, including first mortgages on 22 of the company's vessels.

Original Plan Amended.

It is recalled that in a circular dated January 16, when the company was proposing an interest moratorium, it was stated that the trustees had approved in principle the scheme proposed by the voting trustees. Shortly after the issue of that circular, and before the meeting was held, it is added, certain amendments of principle were made to the scheme by the voting trustees which the African Steam Ship debenture trustees, who were not consulted, considered were not only unfair to the debenture stockholders, but were also detrimental to the prospects of the future operations of the fleet of steamers of which the African Steam Ship Company's vessels form part.

In spite of earnest representations made on behalf of the debenture holders, the trustees have been unable to obtain the cancellation of the amendments in question which are embodied in the scheme of arrangement now submitted. These amendments deal with the arrangements under which certain banks, contrary to the principles of the original scheme, are retaining their mortgages on eight of the newest cargo vessels (four of which belong to the company) and are to charter them to the operating company upon the onerous terms set out in the scheme, retaining the right to withdraw them at any time after June, 1933.

Preferential Treatment.

As these vessels are not indispensable to the operating company, the trustees consider that this preferential treatment of the banks should not have been given. They are of opinion that the banks might, if necessary, have been given the option to come into the scheme on the same basis as the other mortgagees or realise their security as they wished, but the trustees have been unable to obtain from the voting trustees any modification on these lines.

But they have obtained from H.M. Treasury (which will virtually be in control of most of the remaining shares of the operating company) an undertaking which will enable the operating company to be wound up if the banks take their ships away. This concession of H.M. Treasury, though valuable, does not, in the opinion of the trustees, get rid of the objections raised.

For the above reasons, among others which have been brought to the notice of the voting trustees, the stockholders' trustees have, after consultation with several of the larger debenture stockholders, come to the conclusion that they cannot recommend the scheme to the stockholders as a fair solution of the problem so far as it relates to the Elder Dempster group. The alternative to acceptance of this scheme is the appointment of a receiver, which, in the trustees' opinion, presents even less attraction to the debenture stockholders. They therefore consider that the stockholders would be advised not to oppose the adoption of the scheme.

The circular to the "A" debenture stockholders of Elder Dempster and Co. states that at the instance of the trustees the company has undertaken to grant a specific charge (subject only to a charge in favour of the First debenture stockholders) upon the greater part of the unencumbered assets of the company. These consist in the main of one vessel, certain small craft, land and buildings, and investments mainly in subsidiary and associated companies.

Court's Direction Sought.

In the peculiarly difficult circumstances of the case, the trustees recently applied to the High Court for directions as to what, if any, further steps should be taken to protect stockers' interests.

They have been directed by the Court to point out that, in their view, the scheme now proposed is not an advantageous arrangement so far as the "A" debenture stockholders are concerned. Although it is impossible to speak with certainty as to values in so complex a matter, in the trustees' opinion, provided the assets are realised reasonably, there should be sufficient to produce about 5s. in the £ for the "A" debenture stockholders after the senior issue of debenture stock has been satisfied. There appears to be a greater likelihood of this sum being realised if the assets are placed under the control of a representative of the two classes of debenture stock than if the assets or some of them become subject to the scheme.

The Court also expressed the opinion, it is added, that the scheme had objectionable features (particularly the preference given to certain banks which are allowed to retain their mortgages on eight of the newest ships forming part of the fleet managed by Elder Dempster and Co.), and did not appear to hold out any compensating advantages to the "A" debenture stockholders.

National Interests.

Representations have been made to the trustees to the effect that it is of national importance that the scheme should be adopted so far as Elder Dempster and Co. is concerned. The Court has directed that it is a matter for each stockholder to decide for himself whether or not reasons of national interests should require him to support the scheme so far as this company is concerned.

Whatever decision may be adopted by the stockholders at the meeting, the trustees state they will endeavour to give effect to this in the best interest of their stockholders.

The amount of "A" debenture stock in issue is £1,000,000. The scheme provides that the holders will receive the interest due in 1932 and 1933 only if the earnings are sufficient to pay it.

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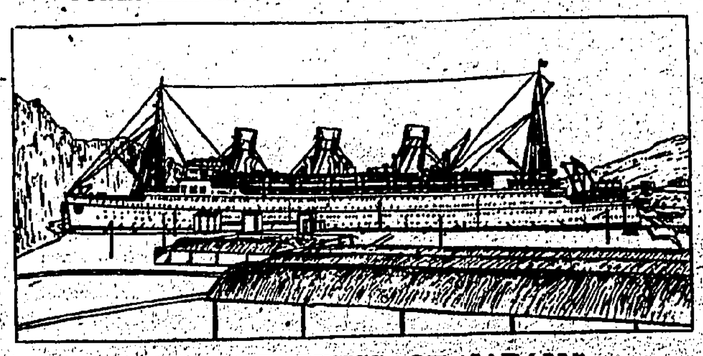

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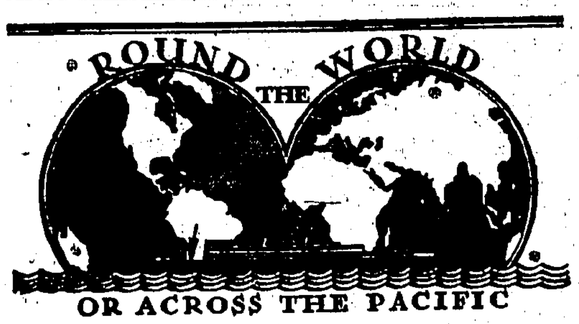

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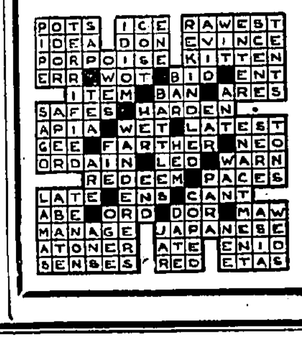
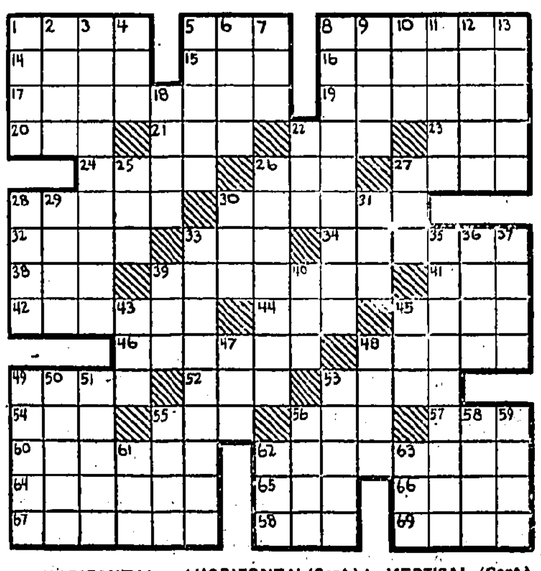


DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1–Kitchen utensil (pl.)
5–Refrigerate
8–Most crude
14–Notion
15–Put on
16–Manifest
17–Swimming mammal
19–Household pet
20–Stray
21–Know (Archaic)
22–Offer
23–Entomology (abbr.)
24–Paragraph
26–Prohibition
27–War god of Greeks
28–Strong boxes
30–Toughen
32–Samoan seaport
33–Moist
34–Most recent
36–Turn to the right
39–More distant
41–Combining form. New
42–Appoint
44–Conducted
45–Give notice of danger
46–Ransom
48–Steps
49–Tardy
52–Ensign (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
53–Hypocrisy
54–Man's name (short)
55–Ordnance (abbr.)
56–A beetle
57–Craw
60–Contrive
62–Oriental
64–One who makes amends
65–Corroded
66–Tennysonian character
67–Perceives
68–Extreme radical
69–Greek letter (pl.)

VERTICAL
1–Smoker's implement
2–Smell
3–Badly frightened
4–Plant juice
5–Peculiar term of expression
6–Expense
7–Compass point (abbr.)
8–Set fire to again
9–Eager
10–Humor
11–Penetrate
12–Subdivision of a drama
13–Camp quarters

VERTICAL (Cont.)
18–Is obligated
22–Obstruct
25–Afternoon party
26–Combats
27–Busy insect
28–Food prepared from E. Indian palm
29–Imitator
30–Pronoun
31–Spike of corn
33–Rovers
35–Passage of a law
36–Withered
37–Unit of weight (pl.)
39–For shame!
40–Border
43–Exist
45–Pals
47–Terminate
48–City of Brazil
49–Tibetan priests
50–Lessen
51–Part of carpenter's joint
53–Contended
55–A molding
58–Day of the month
58–Major geographical subdivision
59–Marries
61–Answer (abbr.)
62–Jolt
63–Born

DIVING SPEED OF 'PLANES.

410 M.P.H. By Two New Fighters.

EXCEEDING WORLD RECORD.

The new Fighter 'planes, the Hawker "Fury" and "Nimrod" of the R.A.F., and the Fairey "Firefly," ordered by Belgium and other countries, have attained in dives speeds exceeding the 407½ miles per hour of Great Britain's world record, writes Major C. C. Turner in the Daily Telegraph.

Speed in the dive does not enter into recognised performance tests, but the ability of an aeroplane to endure without collapse what is called its "terminal velocity" is important; and it will be recalled that the first Belgian Fairey "Firefly" order was given after the makers had offered to demonstrate a terminal velocity dive. Actually last June, as related in "The Daily Telegraph" at the time, Flt.-Lt. Staniland, the test pilot, attained in diving a "Firefly" a speed of 384 m.p.h. Diving speed has recenly been advanced to nearly 410 m.p.h. both by the "Firefly" and the "Fury."

The problem of speeds attainable in a dive was much discussed at the time of the Schneider Trophy contest and world record effort. The designer can work out on paper a fairly close estimate, and the factors can be briefly and simply stated.

Air Resistance.

All objects have a certain falling velocity, which depends upon their weight and on the shape and area of their air-resisting surface. A parachute soon attains its maximum velocity, for its descent is slow; a bullet takes much longer to reach its limit, which is a very much greater speed.

The factors which concern an aeroplane's dive are its weight and the shape and aggregate area of all surfaces offering resistance. Of two aircraft exactly alike in all respects, and of precisely the same flying performance, it would be possible to make one dive faster than the other by simply putting weights into it. In a dive the force of gravity supplements or takes the place of the "pull" of the engine.

It has been loosely assumed that living speed is about 100 per cent. greater than maximum horizontal speed; but there is no such rule. Some of the earlier ill-designed aircraft would never have doubled their speed in a dive, and it is certain that some of them would have broken up in the effort.

There is, of course, a close relation between maximum horizontal speed and diving speed. For the first good "streamlining" is essential, and for high speed in the dive also a machine must have the same "clean lines."

A Propeller Discovery.

The diving of a "Firefly" led to a most interesting discovery. Flt.-Lt. Staniland began a dive at 20,000ft., came out of it at 9,000ft., and flattened out at 5,000ft. During the dive, with engine "off," the speed was so great that the propeller was turned by the rush of air at a greater speed of revolutions than the ordinary maximum. Putting on engine, therefore, would not have increased the speed of the dive. This shows that the modern fighter is so beautifully streamlined that its falling velocity without power may be colossal.

It is possible that a Schneider winner might live at 800 m.p.h.—but the type has little altitude capacity, and could no get high enough for the test. Such a speed exceeds that of sound, and it is possible that, as in the case of the propeller, the speed of sound (about 740 m.p.h.) will prove to be a limiting factor, and in some way not yet clearly formulated lead to loss of efficiency.

ISHBEL MACDONALD'S ENGAGEMENT?

To A Young Socialist.

FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS.

The Sunday Express New York correspondent, writing on February 13, reported as follows:—

A romance linking the name of her son with that of Miss Ishbel MacDonald, eldest daughter of the British Prime Minister, is reported to be behind the sudden departure for England to-day of Mrs. A. J. Lindsay, of London.

Mrs. Lindsay sailed hurriedly and unexpectedly in the Cunard liner Aulania after she had received word from England that her son was about to become engaged to Miss MacDonald according to widespread rumours here.

Mrs. Lindsay refused to discuss the rumour, but admitted her son and Miss Ishbel were close friends. Mrs. Lindsay has been visiting Mrs. Frank Yeates at Vancouver, who accompanied her to the pier. The couple arrived only a few minutes before the liner sailed.

I saw Mrs. Yeates after she had said good-bye to Mrs. Lindsay. Mrs. Yeates refused to discuss the affair, beyond admitting that Mrs. Lindsay's son and Miss Ishbel MacDonald were friends.

Miss Ishbel MacDonald and Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, who was first Socialist president of the Oxford Union, and fought Oxford City in the Socialist interests in 1924, have been friends for many years.

Romance Rumours.

Last night Mrs. Alastair MacDonald, Ishbel's sister-in-law, was informed of the New York rumour. She said:—

"Ishbel has been reported engaged often. My husband and Mr. Lindsay are very good friends, but we have heard nothing of it."

"I cannot make any further statement."

Miss MacDonald and her brother Malcolm last night visited their father in the Park Lane nursing-home, where he is recuperating after the operation on his eye.

A Downing Street official said: "The story appears to have originated because Kenneth Lindsay's mother has left New York for England. An idea has got about that she is coming over to meet her prospective daughter-in-law."

Miss MacDonald is twenty-nine years old, quiet, clever, and with a strange Scottish beauty. It has never yet been reproduced by camera, for it is contained in her eyes. They are blue.

She has a bright, open-air complexion, a slim figure, and hair that never keeps in place. Her voice is quiet, and her laugh is a surprising, sudden ripple.

She was twenty-one when her father entered No. 10, Downing Street for the first time, and she became the most important political hostess in the world.

The Queen's Praise.

An incident happened then that reveals her whole character. A woman wrote offering to give her advice on frocks and "deportment at Court."

The reply was: "I have chosen my gowns, and I think I shall know how to behave at Court."

That's Ishbel MacDonald.

Then she met the Queen. Afterwards the Queen said:—"She is a thoroughly charming girl."

Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, M.A., ex-president of the Oxford Union Society, Soccer "blue" and Corinthian, is one of the intellectuals of the Socialist Party. He is thirty-five.

For all his politics he remains a romantic. He was one of the leading members of the "Blighty League," which was formed during the war in an Army hut in the camp at Harfleur.

Wounded men were sent there, and founded the "Blighty League," whose aims were to carry home to Britain the spirit of brotherhood as it was known in the trenches.

The war ended. Mr. Lindsay, still a boy, came home and went up to Oxford. The members of the League scattered. Some died, some forgot the ideals in the post-war fever—but Mr. Lindsay carries on alone.

He had a brilliant career at Oxford, specialising in economics and while still at the University met Miss Ishbel MacDonald at a Socialist function.

Another political function brought them together again, and soon they became friends.

Mr. Lindsay, dark, handsome and attractive, was marked out for a political career as soon as he left Oxford.

He has done much East end social work. He was defeated in the Oxford City by-election of 1924, and when he stood for Harrow at the general election in the same year. When the Socialist split took place last year he became a Nationalist.

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„ Kidneys	牛腰	„	15	10	12
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„ Head	豬頭	„	20	20	—
„ Heart	豬心	each	18	10	10
„ Kidneys	豬腰	„	15	10	8
„ Liver	豬肝	lb.	58	30	24
Pork Chop	豬扒	„	38	25	23
„ Leg	豬腿	„	40	—	—
„ Loin	豬腰	„	44	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	豬羊肥	„	25	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊羊頭腳	per set	90	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊肝	„	45	24	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛羊仔肉	„	34	20	18
„ Mutton		„	55	28	26
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„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	28	—	—
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Crabs		lb.	60	16	24
Cuttle Fish	魷魚	„	22	23	26
Dab		„	28	16	27
Dace	青鯇魚尾肚	„	50	23	16
Dog Fish		„	20	10	—
Eels, Conger	鱔魚	„	70	10	8
„ Fresh Water		„	78	16	—
„ Yellow		„	52	10	8
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Gudgeon	白甲花鯽	„	22	40	30
Herrings	鯡魚	„	28	22	18
Halibut		„	36	18	28
Labrus		„	35	18	15
Loach		„	88	22	13
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	65	62	24
Mackerel	馬交青鯖魚	„	44	32	21
Monk Fish	鮟鱇魚	„	46	20	20
Mullet	烏頭花鯔魚	„	36	18	2
Oysters	蠔	„	45	12	2
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	„	26	14	9
Perch	鱸魚	„	26	30	15
Pike	老鼠斑	„	42	16	9
Plaice	比目魚	„	50	36	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	64	38	30
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧	„	48	36	45
Prawns	蝦	„	90	10	14
Ray	魟魚	„	24	10	14
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Roach	香魚	„	33	22	10
Salmon		„	64	36	30
Shark	沙魚	„	20	8	10
Skate		„	20	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	72	38	30
Snapper	立魚	„	48	38	30
Soles	龍利	„	52	22	28
Tench	丸左口魚	„	42	20	38
Turbot		„	40	12	12
Turtles, small fr. water	龍龜	„	1.55	12	12

Poultry.			Mar. 22, 1932. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	64	30	31
Capons, Small	閹雞	„	64	28	30
Capons, Large	肥閹雞	„	65	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	45	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	38	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	75	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	60	35	24
Geese	鵝	„	50	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	50	30	—
„ Hollow	口鴿	„	45	29	—
Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	80	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	„	70	61	45
Snipe	沙田鷸	each	30	—	—
Pheasant	雉	pair	2.50	—	—
Quail	鶉	each	50	—	—
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	1.10	—	—

Fruits.					
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	7	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋菓	„	24	26	—
Bananas (bride's)	新山香蕉	„	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Coconuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	24	25	30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會柑橙	„	26	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	20	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	30	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	—	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	13	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	80	—	16
Grapes	葡萄子	„	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.					
Artichokes	鳥芝竹	each	18	—	2
Beans, Sprout	豆芽菜	lb.	6	—	7
„ Long	豆角	„	—	—	8
Beet Root	甜菜頭	„	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	„	8	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	„	8	5	8
„ Red	紅瓜	„	6	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	黃芽菜	„	10	—	—
„ (Shanghai)	上海菜	„	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蘆筍	„	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	25	—	—
„ (Medium)	中椰菜花	„	20	—	—
„ (Small)	小椰菜花	„	16	6	6
Carrots	金菜蘿蔔	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	„	12	10	6
Chillies, Dried	乾辣椒	„	18	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	14	10	10
„ Green	青辣椒	„	8	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱材料	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	„	—	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	6	6	—
Ginger, Young	子薑	„	10	7	—
„ Old	老薑	„	8	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		„	60	8	4
Indian Corn	玉米	each	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	12	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	14	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	„	—	1	—
Okroes		„	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋葱頭	„	10	8	8
„ Green	生葱	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海葱頭	„	8	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	35	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	5	8	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	—	3	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	8	3	—
Pumpkin	多瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	„	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大干菜	„	30	—	10
Shallots	干葱	„	8	—	8
Spinach	菠菜	„	6	8	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	12	4	—
Taros	芋	„	6	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	毛菜	„	8	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	毛瓜	„	—	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	„	15	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	„	6	15	—

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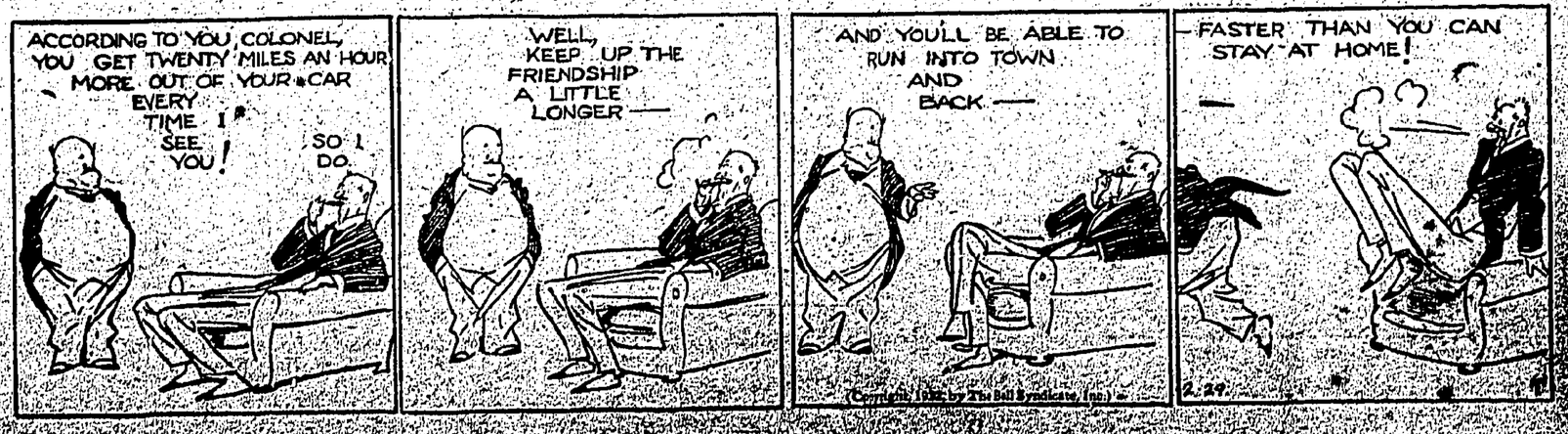

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MONDAY, APRIL 4.

Japan ..... Arabia Maru
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TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

Straits ..... Alipore
Japan ..... Ginyo Maru
Japan ..... Brisbane Maru

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.

Manila ..... Empress of Canada
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, March 10 and Parcels, March 3) ..... Ranpura
Calcutta and Straits ..... Takada

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

Australia and Manila ..... Changte
Japan and Shanghai ..... Taiyo Maru

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, March 19) ..... President Cleveland
Japan and Shanghai ..... Corfu

OUTWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, APRIL 4.

Amoy	Tjisaroea	4 p.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Bintang	5 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

Batavia	Tjisalak	10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa & *South American Ports	Arabia Maru	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	2 p.m.
Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Brisbane Maru (Due Brisbane, April 18.) Parcels .....Apr. 5, 2 p.m. Registration .....2.45 p.m. Letters .....3.30 p.m.	
Manila	President Hoover ..	4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Daviken	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, C. and S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	Tatsuta Maru (Due San Francisco, April 27 and *Europe via Siberia.) Registration .....Apr. 5, 5 p.m. Letters .....Apr. 6, 8.30 a.m.	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.

Straits and Calcutta	Kum Sang Parcels .....Apr. 6, Noon. Letters .....1 p.m.	

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

*Japan, *Canada and *U.S.A.	Tyndareus	10.30 a.m.
Amoy and Takao via Swatow	Deli Maru	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C. ..	Empress of Canada (Due Vancouver, B.C., April 26 and *Europe via Siberia.) Parcels .....Apr. 7, 5 p.m. Registration ..Apr. 8, 9.15 a.m. Letters .....10 a.m.	

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	1 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

MISSING MAN FOUND DEAD.

Victim Beaten to Death for Valuables.

Entering the vacant floor of No. 68, Laichikok Road, Shamshuipo early yesterday morning the relatives of a Chinese youth, who had been missing since the previous day, found his dead body.

Death had been caused by a number of wounds apparently inflicted by a heavy instrument. Robbery was obviously the motive, as when found the body had been stripped of all personal trinkets and a sum of money which the youth had been collecting as rent dues from his mother's tenants.

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current Week.

Orders issued by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

Chinese Company.

Training Course—Part II.—Constable R34 Wong Woon-man and R39 Tso Huk-on have been passed out as efficient in Part II of Training Course (knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations.)

Training Course—Part II.—All recruits will attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, on Tuesday, April 5 at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Training Course—Part I.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, April 7 at 5.30 p.m.

N.C.Os. Class—All N.C.Os. will attend the Chinese Company's Headquarters on Friday, April 8, at 4 p.m. for instruction under Mr. Paterson, P.P.T.S.

Indian Company.

Commendation.—Police Constable (Reserve) 233 Mit Singh is commended by the Inspector General of Police for zeal and pluck on January 29, 1932, in effecting the arrest, after a long chase in Yaumati, of a Chinese male who was sentenced at the February Sessions to three years' hard labour for having taken part in an armed robbery at 11 Saigon Street on the above date.

Training Course—Part II.—All members who have not passed Part II of Training Course should attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central on Thursday, April 7 at 5.30 p.m.

Reserve Emergency Unit.

Defendu Class.—A new class in defendu will commence on Thursday, April 7 in the gymnasium at Central, at 5.30 p.m. All members who can do so are invited to join, especially all N.C.O.'s and Squad-leaders.

Revolver Practice—Squads 1 and 2 will carry out Revolver Practice on the Kennedy Road Range on Friday, April 8 at 5.15 p.m. Sergeant P. Fletcher will take charge. Members will assemble outside Queen's Pier at 5.10 p.m. with revolvers. Uniform optional.

Summer Uniform.—All members who have not yet been measured for new tunics will get this done as soon as possible, at Messrs. Tung Hing's 60, Queen's Road Central. Old khaki tunics and trousers will be returned to the Police Store.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING D.S.P. (R.).
Hong Kong, April 4, 1932.

WEEK-END MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

Naval Officer Thrown from Rikisha.

GIRL KNOCKED DOWN.

Lieut.-Commdr. W. R. Vallance, of H.M.S. Tamar, was involved in a motor accident last night, as a result of which he is now lying in the Naval Hospital suffering from injuries to his head.

The accident occurred at the junction of Des Vœux Road Central and Jackson Road, on the bend near the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground. It transpires that Lieut.-Commdr. Vallance was riding in a rikisha, which, after passing the rear of a tramcar, turned westward into Des Vœux Road, and collided with a public motor car.

Mr. Vallance was thrown heavily to the ground, while the rikisha was extensively damaged; its left wheel being smashed to splinters.

European Girl Injured.

Suddenly running across Wong Nei Chung Road, Miss Edna Stevens, living in the vicinity, was knocked down by a private motor car, driven by Mr. Lee Chee-san, of 18 Leighton Hill Road.

Miss Stevens sustained slight injuries to her right leg, and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where, after treatment, she was allowed to leave.

4,000 STORM FORD FACTORY.

Workless and Police in Pitched Battle.

FOUR KILLED.

Detroit, March 8.

Four persons were killed and 50 injured, including two policemen, in a pitched battle between a handful of police and 4,000 unemployed, who, invited by Communists, staged a demonstration outside the Ford Motor Factory at Dearborn.

The police used fire-hoses and tear gas bombs and several hundred shots were fired.

In spite of the inflammatory placards carried by some men it is understood that the sole intention of the majority was to send a small deputation to interview Mr. Henry Ford.

REV. H. V. KOOP.

Farewell Address at Cathedral.

EVENING SERVICE.

At the evening service at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, the Rev. H. V. Koop, Cathedral Chaplain, who is shortly severing his connection with the Colony, gave his farewell address to a large congregation, choosing as his text:

"It was a happy day. Happier are they that dwellest in My House. They will always be praising Thee."

He referred to the joy that the writers of Psalms had in worshipping in the House of God, and how that joy lived to this day. None knew better than the Clergy who knew of fellowship in God's House, and of the working together amongst men and women of various kinds. The Choir and Sidesmen and all who took part in the service would say the same—all that dwelt in God's House.

Mr. Koop spoke feelingly of the privilege that had been his in working with the Dean and the Cathedral Choir, and said he hoped that the Cathedral would always be filled with praise.

THREW RIKISHA IN HARBOUR.

Fare Who Lost His Temper.

H. J. H. White, a hotel assistant, was charged before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, with having maliciously damaged a rikish ain Connaught Road Central shortly after midnight yyesterday.

It was alleged that there was an argument over the fare, and the defendant pushed the vehicle into the harbour. It was later salvaged, and was found to be damaged to the extent of $10.

His Worship imposed a fine of $15, and ordered defendant to pay $10 for the vehicle's repairs.

STIFFKEY TRIAL.

Vivacious Wife Defends Her Husband.

IMMORTALITY CHARGES.

In connection with the trial of the Rector of Stiffkey, Rev. Harold Davidson, on charges of alleged relations with girls in London, which appeared in Saturday's newspapers, the following cutting from a home newspaper will prove of interest to our readers.

Stiffkey (Norfolk), Feb. 6.

"If I had believed the charges that have been levelled against my husband, I would have started divorce proceedings against him long ago!"

Mrs. Davidson, the charming wife of the Rector of Stiffkey (the Rev. Harold Davidson), flushed slightly as she made this statement in the Rectory.

She was referring to the allegations made concerning the Rector which have resulted in his appearance before a Consistory Court in Norwich to answer charges of immorality.

A vivacious, youthful-looking woman, Mrs. Davidson warmed up to her subject as she defended her husband.

The charges concern Mr. Davidson's alleged relations with girls whom he has met and befriended in London in his philanthropic work.

"I am afraid," Mrs. Davidson continued, "that my husband has been indiscreet; but I am certain he has a full answer to the charges against him."

"As a matter of fact, one of the girls—a worthy young person who had perhaps made a slight slip, and in whom my husband took an interest—came down here and entered my service. She turned out to be the very best cook I have ever had."

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson have been married for twenty-six years, and they have had five children.

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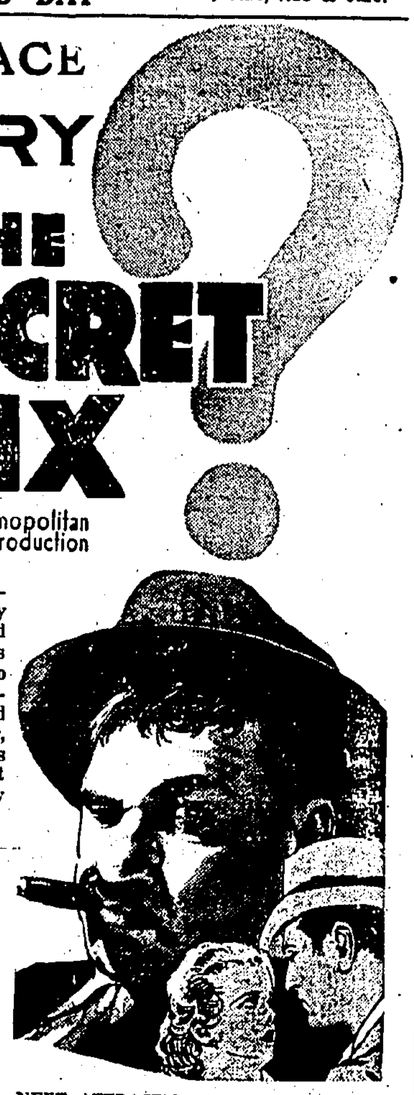

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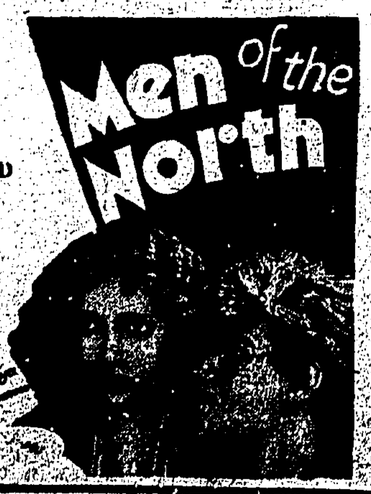

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